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Homecoming Court makes its world debut

Bukowiecki's wife issues a 'thank you'

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Homecoming week, which is themed "Around the World," will hold a multitude of events and will crown a queen on Saturday during the week of festivities.

Each nominee shared how she felt about being nominated and thoughts on why students should vote.

Marnie Arcilla of the Kabarkada Club said, "I was really excited. At first we were both nominated, me and my sister, so I was surprised when I made it. "Students should vote for me because I feel like I am a pretty good representative of students on campus, since I'm involved in other clubs, as well, I feel like I can be a good voice for students if they have any ideas or suggestions."

Areal Hughes of the Queer Straight Alliance Club said, "I was actually really ecstatic. My escort, who's going to be my escort on Saturday, was actually the one who nominated me. Someone believed in me enough to think 'Hey, I believe she can do it.' To be a queen, you have to have grace, class, humility, leadership and kindness; and I believe I have all of

those traits."

Homecoming hosts different events. Monday was the Homecoming Introductions, where each candidate was formally introduced to the school; an Activity Night was also held Tuesday.

The rest of the schedule is as follows:

- Homecoming elections will be on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and then from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- The Mock Rally, which is when the nominees are made fun of by male counterparts and give performances, will take place at the Student Center on Thursday at 11 a.m.

- The Homecoming queen will be announced at the football game, during the half-time show on Saturday at Falcon Stadium at 7 p.m.

The nominees also gave reasons and thoughts on running for Homecoming queen and some of the objectives for this week.

"Running for Homecoming is very meaningful, because you are representing a club on campus. It's kind of like you are the (woman) of the campus; literally, you are the queen and you're trying to represent Cerritos College and students," Samantha Vasquez of the Order of the Falcon Club said.

Jaci Navas, who is actually the only nominee that is not representing a club, said, "Yeah, I'm excited. The reason why I'm running for Homecoming queen is because I'm not feminine, but I'm still a beautiful young (woman). I just happen to be LGBT (Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) and I love tuxedos, so (I'm going to) wear a tuxedo."

Alejandra Luz of the iFalcon Club said, "I'm very excited for it, but I'm nervous at the same time because I don't know how I'm going to get through this, but I'm going to have great friends who are going to go and support me. I have to work really hard and make a lot of flyers."

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Cathy Bukowiecki said she would like to give a "thank you" to those who attended Police Chief Richard Bukowiecki's memorial last September.

Cathy, wife of the late chief of police, wanted to extend gratitude to those who helped orchestrate the entire event that occurred at the Student Center on Sept. 13.

"I want to be able to thank everyone who came," she said. "People took a day out of their Saturday to come."

The event had those familiar with Richard's work go up on stage and speak about him as a person and about his career.

"I can never thank them (the people) enough. It was beautiful."

She said that the event was done at no expense of the family and that her nephew Josh Bukowiecki helped put it together, as well.

Cathy expressed gratitude to many people, including President Linda Lacy, Cheryl Thury, Denise Marshall and Toni Grijalva.

The former chief of police was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at a Super 8 Motel by Westminster police on Aug. 18.

Cathy was just as confused as everyone else when the news broke.

"The whole thing is a shock. I don't understand it. I have no idea. He was a very proud man and I don't understand why he did this."

She mentioned how he was a good husband and he always fought for the students.

"My husband loved his job. He did a lot for the college. He fought for years to keep students safe."

Since the incident, she mentioned not functioning quite well.

"I can't function well; my sleep is off. The whole thing is a fog."

Cathy and Richard were married for 20 years. They both started working the same year at Cerritos College, according to Cathy (1988) and met there on campus. She used to work as a custodian for 14 years.

She lives in Colorado. She "goes back and forth" from there and California.

Cathy mentioned how Richard loved his "grandbabies." When the two met, she already had five children; the youngest being two years old.

And now, some of them are following in his footsteps.

"Three of my (sons) are following in his footsteps; they are going to the (police) academy."

Despite all that has transpired, she will remember the memorial fondly.

"It was so wonderful," she said. "People came out from the college and I'm so appreciative."

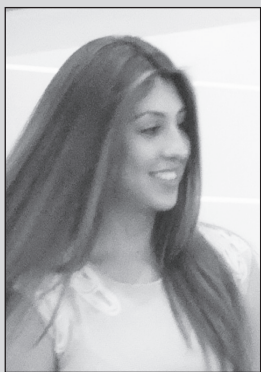
Who will be first to make it 'Around the World?'

Queen's Speech Zone



Wendy Sixtos
Child Development

"I really want to get my club out there. And just to show that anyone can go out there and win this."



Stacy Sandoval
Phi Beta Lambda

"Students should vote for me because I'm very outgoing and loving. I would love to win this year."



Samantha Vasquez
Order of the Falcon

"I think I'm a good representative. I don't dress up or do anything fancy; I'm like other casual students."



Alejandra Luz
iFalcon Club

"I represent iFalcon, and that stands for student success."



Areal Hughes
QueerStraight Alliance

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Marnie Arcilla
Kabarkada Club

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Recycle: Janine Garcia, psychology major, throwing away a bottle in one of Cerritos College's many recycle bins. "I think [the Go-Green initiative] is a very positive step in the right direction," she said. The recycle bins are one of many goals that have come to fruition as part of the Go-Green initiative.

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Numbers down according to Annual Security Report

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The Annual Security Report released for the 2013 Cerritos College school year shows all crime numbers are down; with property crimes being among the highest reported crimes on campus.

The report was released toward the end of September and shows the number of crimes, such as thievery or sexual assaults, that have occurred between 2011 to 2013.

A majority of the statistics show that crime rates have gone down in the past two years.

Interim Police Chief Tom Gallivan is proud of the numbers.

"We're always aiming for zero. Reality is, we're not going to get there. What I'm proud to say is that this is one of the safest campuses around."

According to Gallivan, the Jeanne Clery Act mandates that all colleges throughout the nation come out with crime statistics.

Notably, among all the on-campus criminal offenses for stolen property, motor vehicles - which has been the biggest problem in terms of thefts - has gone down from 2012, from 21 to 15.

Additionally, there has been only one forcible sexual offense on campus for the past two years, with the last one happening in 2011.

"The violent crimes on this campus are practically non-existent," Gallivan said. "Occasionally, we'll get a minor assault, but it's not categorized as an aggravated assault."

"We're always striving for more, we always want our crime stats lower than they are. But as far as safety goes, we balance it out. We're always looking to improve."

The statistics translate from the high police presence on campus, he said.

Scan to read the Annual Security Report.

<http://bit.ly/1vsg8vG>

"A lot of it is high visibility; community policing – the basic elements of community policing is having the police where the students are, having a high visibility around the campus."

"I'm hoping that provides the students with a sense of safety, knowing that we're close by."

And, for the most part, the students generally do feel that security.

Ana Balbuena, a broadcasting major, feels that police presence that Gallivan mentioned.

She said, "If something happens, then you know where they (the police officers) are at, and you can get help from them."

Adrian Orozco, a computer science major, said he never has personally encountered a real problem on campus.

He added, "I've never been mugged. It's not really something I've thought about."

Gallivan said that, in any major incident, an officer's average response time is less than a minute and a half – "Which is amazing."

Along with the officer presence, the cadets serve as the "eyes and ears of campus police."

Gallivan reiterated the principles of high visibility and communication.

He said, "The cadets, a uniform presence, they're not sworn officers, but they all carry radios."

"So, when they're walking the campus, whether it's to open a door for an instructor or secure a door for an instructor or to pick up property or drop off mail, they're a presence."

Crime Report Update

'Bicycle Thefts on the Rise,' says updated alert

Bicycle thefts are an ongoing issue, according to a campus police report issued Tuesday.

"Bicycle theft has become a tremendous problem on college campuses throughout the state, and Cerritos College is no exception," the alert read.

Property crimes have been the highest reported crimes as of late, the Annual Security Report stated.

The campus police number is (562) 924-3618.

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The committee talks the success of the recycling bins, a potential task force, bike stations and hydration stations.

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The Go-Green initiative may be a recent addition to ASCC's many plans for Cerritos, but in reality, it has been around for a few years.

Professor Crystal LoVetere spearheads the Go-Green initiative with support from ASCC.

Go-Green focuses on making the school more sustainable and environmentally friendly. One of the many goals of Go-Green is to have hydration stations on campus, nullifying the use of Styrofoam on campus, more bike stations for students, an Earth Day event and increasing general awareness of the environment.

ASCC President Miles Aiello, who joined the Go-Green committee last year, is glad to see Go-Green making progress.

"It's one of my passions - the environment," he said.

One of its goals is now a reality, as many students may have noticed the new recycling bins around campus.

Part of the budget for Go-Green comes from the ASCC budget, while another part comes from the revenue generated by the recycling bins, according to Aiello.

Some of the goals require a lengthy process, such as the nullifying of Styrofoam.

"It would have to be talked about in Cabinet and Senate, and if both sides of the governments would agree, then there'd be legislation written and we'd go from there," he added.

ASCC has also begun to accept applications for the Go-Green task force, the deadline being Nov. 14.

Students who are applying for the task force must have a 2.25 GPA, at least five units enrolled at Cerritos College, unofficial transcripts and need to write a 250-word essay on why they would want to join the task force.

The student-run task force would be in charge of solidifying the goals for Go-Green and make them come to fruition.

ASCC Vice-President Charles Caguioa said, "We're

looking for people who are definitely passionate about the project, with the mindset that it's all for sustainability. We definitely agree that there are multiple people out there that are extremely qualified for this, and students are definitely passionate about this."

He added, "The Go-Green initiative is going along with what the college is doing ... (it's) definitely going more green, more sustainable; making sure that we are saving and being more cost efficient, but at the same time we're working toward bettering the environment."

Caguioa encourages students to join the task force but also to find ways of going green at home.

Go-Green also benefits students in other ways. Students can be hired to collect and empty recyclable material from the bins. It's "student work," according to Caguioa.

The Go-Green initiative is also working in conjunction with the Green Cerritos College initiatives, which is the district equivalent of the ASCC-run Go-Green.

"We, as ASCC, we have to listen to (Green Cerritos) and stand with (it) and with the initiatives already in place," Caguioa said.

Recently, the board of trustees passed a motion to have LEED-certified buildings on campus. The motion was passed during the Sept. 17 board meeting.

The Green Cerritos initiatives include:

- Green facilities that meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.
- Energy efficiency and alternative energy sources.
- Transportation - increased use of public transit, ride-share, walking, biking and advanced fuels.
- Water conservation.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

First-year student Elizabeth Rosas, a nursing major, said, "I think it's really nice. (It's) helping the community."

Once the task force has been established, it will hold open meetings [to be announced] every other Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in room BK 111.

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Shedding ‘light’ on a student issue

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While David Moore, director of Physical Plant and Construction Services states that all areas of Cerritos College at night are “adequately illuminated,” students that have classes at night seem to have a different opinion.

“Last year, a campus-wide night tour was conducted with the campus police and ASCC; all areas were found to be adequately illuminated,” Moore said.

Although there were light inspections conducted as stated by Moore, students still feel unsecure and uncomfortable walking around school at night.

Brianna Grantley, a sociology major, said she has been thinking about saying something about the lack of lighting there is at night when she gets out of her class.

“I hate it. I hate it redundantly. I don’t have anyone to walk with at night, so I feel really uncomfortable with the absence of light, especially when going to the parking lot. I always pretend I am talking on the phone when someone looks suspicious; either I take out my phone so he can see I have it out or I act like if I’m talking to someone on it.

“Last semester, I saw police twice, but that’s it; no more than that. I almost bought pepper spray, just in case, because it is really scary,” she said.

Like Grantley, many students have only “thought” about saying something about it, but not enough students have spoken up.

Interim Police Chief Tom Galivan said it is all about communicating.

“Our job is that if our officers see something that can constitute as possibly not enough lighting or there should be more lighting, we’ll communicate that to Facilities. If anyone on campus is concerned about lighting, I would encourage (that person) to contact (his) student senate. It’s all about communication.

“What one person may perceive as adequate lighting, somebody else may not. It’s all about the open light of communication.”

While there are people that don’t care how it is at night, the number of students feeling uncomfortable walking around campus at night is seemingly higher.

Psychology major Vivian Cisneros said that she normally tries to take her mind off how dark it is at night by getting on her phone or walking fast.

“I power walk or get on my phone. I park on the main parking all the way in the back and I just speed it.

“Usually, there’s about two or three students walking to their car, and there is never any police or anything out here.”

She continues, “There is that little police building by the parking lot, but it’s not very helpful.”

As well as Cisneros, cosmetology major Jesenia Jacobo said she also speed walks and sometimes even runs to where there is a bit of light or cars.

“I would totally love it if the school would put more lights by the library area or some coming from the Santa Barbara Building, because there (are) no lights around there,” Jacobo said.

Galivan said Facilities is great and that the people there are responsive.

“If someone tells us that there is a concern about the lighting or an officer tells us lights should be a little bit stronger in some areas, then we’ll relay that to Facilities.”

Moore said that this last year, the new lights were assessed by an electrical engineer through a lighting survey.

When it comes to lighting structures, the only new ones implemented recently have been the ones out at Falcon Square.

Accreditation meeting brings insight on San Francisco mess

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City College of San Francisco trustee Rafael Mandelman believes if something is wrong in the world, someone has to stand up and say enough.

According to Mandelman and his team of speakers composed of concerned students and faculty staff, the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges team that oversees functionality of community colleges in California is not supporting schools the way it should.

“ACCJC is a super important institution for all of California’s community colleges.

“And it should be performing a very useful function, where it evaluates all the community colleges; community colleges evaluate each other and everybody gets better.

That’s what accreditation is supposed to be about.

“Instead, this particular accreditor, this set of people who are running the ACCJC, have been running around California threatening schools with closure,” Mandelman said.

The main point CCSF is trying to get through to the audience that gathered in the Science Building lecture hall Tuesday is that ACCJC usually gives schools two years to correct what the committee deemed not compliant with the standards it set.

However, the City College of San Francisco has only been given eight months to correct the recommendations, which the union at CCSF believes is unfair; unfair to everyone that has something to do with the City College of San Francisco and the students.

A suit has been filed against ACCJC to try and restore the accreditation of the City College of San Francisco.

If San Francisco does not meet the recommendations, the school would face closure and the school would no longer function.

Karen Saginor stands with Mandelman in the resistance against ACCJC.

“It is important for one to find out where one’s college is in the accreditation process.

“An important piece of the accreditation process is self evaluation so students can get involved by helping their college work on a self evaluation.

“Then, it’s very important to understand that the accreditor that credits California community college at this point is not doing the job fairly,” Saginor said.

She said the ACCJC is unfair and wants students to “demand” for fair accreditation.

Charlene Jackson is a student that still attends the “show caused,” as the CCSF members put it.

She is a paramedic major at CCSF that, according to her, is very grateful for the classes the school has given her in her pursuit to become a paramedic.

Her concern is that many students like her will be left without a school under the accreditation standards set to the school.

The meeting showcased a video highlighting the main events that occurred on campus over at San Francisco.

After each speaker gave his knowledge on why ACCJC is unfair, the public was able to express questions and concerns to the three speakers.

“Get the effort to get informed,” Jackson said.

“My first involvement was when I went to the board of governors in Sacramento. I made a very personal statement about a perspective as a student to get the community motivated,” Jackson said.

For more information on this topic you can go these websites:

- Cft.org
- accreditationwatch.com
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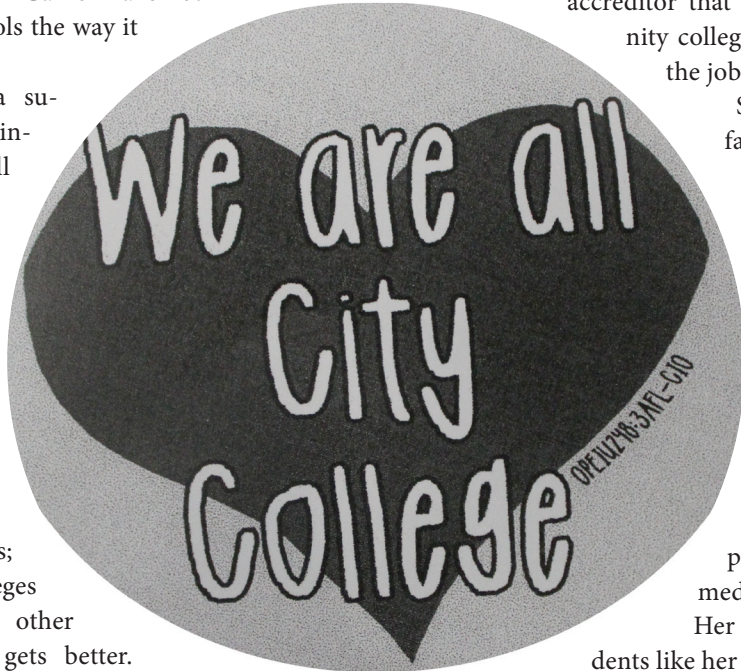


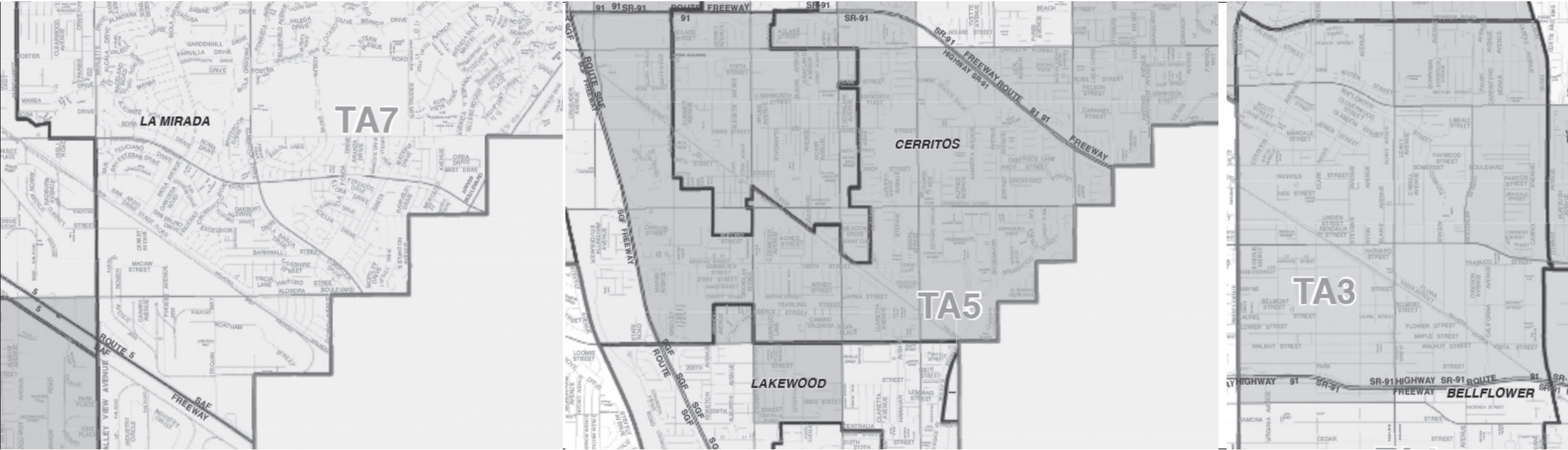
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ELECTION GUIDE

Candidates campaign for trustee area positions



A vote for change: Board candidates in order: Alan Burton, Zurich Lewis, Armin Reyes, Shin Liu, John Paul Drayer and Dawn Dunton. The trustee areas that are being campaigned for are spots three, five and seven. Voting will take place on Nov. 4.



Three trustee areas to be decided: Candidates will be voted in for trustee areas seven, five and three. Alan Burton and Zurich Lewis are for area seven; Armin Reyes and Shin Liu are for area five; John Paul Drayer and Dawn Dunton are for area three.

Board elections are a month away, and candidates are campaigning for votes.

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As election time draws closer, candidates for the board of trustees have started to rev up their campaigns to push their message out to the public.

People who vote will be able to select a candidate for a spot on the board on Nov. 4.

The job of the board is to discuss and vote on issues concerning Cerritos College, such as procedures, school budget and how the college spends it.

This year, three sections are going to be voted on. The districts that are up for election this year are areas three, five and seven.

Trustee area three, which covers parts of Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey and South Gate, has two candidates - John Paul Drayer, the incumbent, is being challenged by Dawn Dunton from Bellflower.

Drayer is a former Cerritos College student and is the first board member who served as a student senator for the college.

One of his main priorities since taking the position has been trying to make the board more transparent for students and members of the community.

"I want everyone to know it's OK to ask

questions, it's OK to know where money comes from, how the process of things happen. It's a good thing to ask questions," Drayer said.

"I don't believe in a rubber-stamp board. I believe in asking questions. I believe in understanding what's going on and getting the facts.

"I want the campus to be run more like a business so we can save money and put it back in student services, and for employee pay and benefits."

Since taking his spot on the board, Drayer has worked with students to help increase class sizes and find ways to help students gain access to expensive school materials, such as textbooks.

His opponent, Dunton, from Bellflower, was motivated to run after the Accreditation Committee for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) issued a warning to Cerritos College after its accreditation review last school year.

"When the accreditation report came out, a lot of people in the community were concerned about the direction the board was taking," she said.

Dunton has held spots on her children's PTA, and has 28 years of managing experience running a business with her husband. She was also president of the Mayfair High School and Lindstrom Elementary School Site Council.

She said, "I guess my name popped up in people's heads because when my kids were in K-12, I was always very involved in their education and I think I've held every

position in PTA there is. I was on the citizen's task force, I was secretary for that site council, I was president for Mayfair High School and Lindstrom Elementary School Site Council, so from the student-parent part of education, (I'm used to) how it affects the end-user."

Dunton's main goals are to help the college figure out how to improve its accreditation and improve cohesiveness on the board.

"I see a lot of positioning for higher office, a lot of politics; I think that's the main drag on the board. I think President (Linda) Lacy has done a magnificent job, and the board needs to have confidence that (it's) doing what she's telling (the members) to do, and not spend or waste a lot of time second guessing or wanting to micromanage either the teachers, or the president or the administration.

"That doesn't mean you rubber stamp everything and go with it. But you have to have confidence in your staff, that (the staff) knows what (it's) doing, (it's) well-educated and (it) knows how to do (each) job."

The next area up for grabs is area five, where Armin Reyes challenges the current trustee Dr. Shin Liu.

Dr. Liu's main focus is to help prepare students for the future and provide the tools they need to survive in the changing workforce.

"As a professor of computer science at Rio Hondo College for 15 years, I understand the competitive edge that students will have if they are instilled with techno-

logical skills to achieve," she said.

Liu was elected to the board of trustees in 2009 and has worked to build close ties within the community.

"Having held the position for five years, I have established a strong working relationship with the current members of the board, the students and the community. And I am well equipped to take on the issues that face the future of Cerritos College."

Her opponent, Armin Reyes, is a veteran who has served on the ABC School District after first being elected in 1999. He was re-elected in 2003, 2007 and in 2011. Reyes served as board vice-president in 2004 and as president in 2005.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in political science from California State University Fullerton and his Master's Degree in behavioral science from California State University Dominguez Hills.

Reyes was not able to be reached in time for this article.

Running for area seven are two residents of La Mirada - Alan Burton and Zurich Lewis.

Burton is a father of two college-aged students who are currently attending community colleges. He describes himself as a business owner, former law-enforcement officer and a veteran.

Burton's election site states, "As a trustee, I will work tirelessly to make the college more affordable, more fiscally sound and more independent of special interest groups. I will offer advice and constructive criticism to the president's office to assure

fairness and that the community's interests are considered and applied in decision making. I will protect rights of all campus employees by actively monitoring and considering fair wage and benefit issues."

Burton's goals include making budget choices that benefit students, supporting the employees of Cerritos College and limiting special interest groups.

He is supported by board members President Carmen Avalos, Vice President Sandra Salazar, and Trustee Drayer.

Burton did not respond in time for this article.

Lewis is a life-long resident of La Mirada and a student at Biola University.

His website states that his priorities on the board would be an emphasis on fiscal stewardship, maintenance of accreditation status, strengthening ties with K-12 school districts and supporting the best programs for students.

Lewis has helped with many campaigns and worked as field director for La Mirada Councilwoman Pauline Deal.

Lewis is being endorsed by La Mirada Mayor Larry Mowles and Norwalk Mayor Marcel Rodarte. He is also endorsed by Trustee Liu, as well as former mayor and current trustee Bob Hughlett.

Lewis was reached, but did not respond in time to be interviewed for this article.

Elections will take place on Nov. 4.



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EDITORIAL

More illumination needed for campus

Dark parking lots can be scary at night. Hell, any dark place is scary at night.

Cerritos College is a big campus, and having a few light fixtures for such a great amount of space does not give one a sense of security, especially when students have to walk alone from their cars to campus or vice versa.

More light fixtures should be implemented around campus, namely the parking lot areas, as there is not enough illumination throughout certain spots at the college.

For students who take night classes, the parking lots around campus are a hassle to walk, especially when they have to park far away from their classes.

You'll notice that despite some lights being present in some spots, it's still not enough. It's still an area of darkness that is simply not a safe environment.

The darkness adds an atmosphere of uneasiness, especially when one walks alone through a maze of cars and strangers. Walking in a dimly lit parking lot is not something people actually enjoy.

Sure, there are ways to feel safe when walking through the parking lots late at night.

Some examples would be walking with keys between your knuckles, walking with a buddy or having pepper spray in hand.

But these measures are only a few examples. Why go through these measures in the first place? Shouldn't there be better lighting to begin with?

The new lights that have been installed at Falcon Square was a good idea, but the school should think beyond just what's inside the cocoon of buildings on campus.

According to the campus police crime statistics, for the past three years there has only been one robbery on campus.

A good statistic, but this doesn't lessen the reality that a robbery could happen to anyone at anytime, especially during the late hours of campus in the dark.

It would be better for the campus to have more lights in the biggest parking lots with the furthest distances from campus. Good lighting will make a big difference between feeling uneasy and feeling safe.

Students are not powerless. They can change the light fixtures in the parking lots. What can they do?

Well, students can talk to the campus police and ask for an increase in light fixtures in whatever spot they feel that they are needed.

After campus police is informed, campus police can then contact the Facilities Department, who is in charge of making changes like this on campus.

All it takes is simple consideration of one's surroundings. Pay close attention to the parking lot late at night. And you'll see that you really can't see at all.

If students speak up, then those changes will become reality.



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How do you feel about students riding skateboards/bicycles/scooters on campus?

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JESUS ROMERO
Woodworking major

"In reality, it's bad when you look at what they're riding on. You have to think about all the money the school uses on repairs."



RAY MOGTOTO
Graphic Design major

"It's fine with me because they seem like they respect the environment here."



SANDRA CABRERA
Mental Health major

"It doesn't bother me because I'm usually out here late at night."



MELISSA ALFARO
Culinary Arts major

"It bothers me a lot because most students are trying to get to class and they get in the way."



BRYAN LUVANO
Engineering major

"Personally, I don't mind, but when they ride through the grass it bothers me. It doesn't look nice afterward and it defaces the school."

Internships offer key to the future



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You're an average college student with a great G.P.A. with no job, and the only references you can think of are family and friends. What do you do?

At this point, either submit the resume leaving those sections blank and hope for the best, or go out and get some experience and references by looking for an internship.

Internships are key. Most employers are not looking to hire someone that does not know the key fundamentals of what their business is about. They want someone who can prove that he or she knows what is being done and can help make the business grow.

Internships can teach students qualifying skills to become the perfect candidate for future employers.

An internship is when a prospective employee is hired at little or no pay to work for an employer for a limited amount of time.

Internships are greatly beneficial to college students and anyone that is looking to

have some experience before applying to a dream job.

Internships offer a sneak peek to a future career, along with hands-on experience. Interns can get a feel as to what the culture of that occupation is.

Networking, networking, networking - the No. 1 benefit that comes out of internships.

Whether it's people you work with or people you meet along the way while helping with an internship project, these individuals are all going to help you out in some way or another.

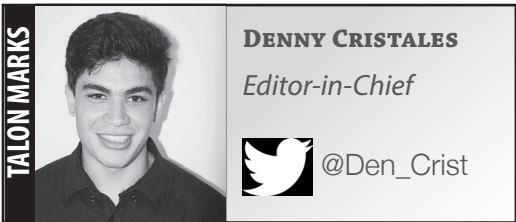
It's always good to maintain a good relationship with the people that you meet because they also know people that are willing to be a reference.

If an employer is satisfied with an intern's work after the internship is over, usually that intern receives a job offer.

Cerritos College students can find internships by going to the Job Placement Office on campus, or doing some research online.

Next time you're applying for one of your dream jobs, don't forget to be the perfect candidate by having all your sections filled out, especially the experience and references.

Skateboards on campus should go away



DENNY CRISTALES
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Did you know that there are an estimated 10,000 reports of skateboard douchebaggery every year? It's true!

This is all according to me - your average adult who despises all things teenager.

At least it seems that way, anyway.

Look, I hate skateboards. I mean, I hate them. They are obnoxious and loud and I hate how people ride them on campus.

I have no rational inclination, besides the reasons I just listed, to hate skateboards, either. It's just something that irks me. I'm convinced I have a phobia. Or a lust for blood for all things wood. (Save your "that's what she said" jokes, you poser.)

Something about some random guy carelessly swerving left and right, dodging us students on campus like traffic cones, just boils up a caveman instinct inside of me.

Let me paint a scenario that happens far too often to me.

I'm walking along to class minding my own business, (Insert whistles here) when I hear the swift, plaguing sound that is wheels rolling along

the cement floor, creeping behind me, going toward my general direction.

And each time, I hear that sound get closer and closer and closer, until that guy finally zooms past me and gets to whatever it is that a skateboarder needs to get to. (Of course it's not class, he rides a skateboard.)

I cannot tell you the contempt I feel for that man right then and there. I cannot convey to you the temptation I get each time this happens to me to just stick out an elbow and pop the guy right on his chin.

And I don't want to be that guy. For all I know, the guy riding his skateboard could be one of the finest chaps I know. I could get to know him and we could be the best of friends.

But he rides a skateboard. So, in theory, it's like he murdered my dog.

I'll admit it, I'm 20 years old and I can't ride a skateboard. Yeah, yeah, laugh it up. But it is not the reason why I hate the thing!

Quite the opposite, I feel quite sophisticated at the fact that I can't. Almost like a rare species, if you will. Consider yourself special if you can't ride one, either.

I cannot tell you why I hate skateboards so much. It baffles me just as much as it probably baffles you. Maybe you'll read this rant and you'll conclude that there is some sort of Freudian philosophy attached to my irrational hatred to this wooden board on wheels.

HAUNTED TAKEOVER

Hollywood Sports hosts college night for Halloween.

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"Get into the vagina!"

After, the squishing through of a birth canal and out into the fresh breeze of the world around us.

At least that's the way it was Oct. 3 during a zombie-guided trip around "Venom."

This, of course, refers to one of the many mazes that Hollywood Sports was offering for its Halloween-themed attraction during Cerritos College Night.

For the month of October, Hollywood Sports is offering discounts to colleges for the spooky festivities that it hosts for Halloween.

All night, people dressed up in costumes, (ranging from clowns, zombies and chainsaw-wielding psychos) roamed the park and scared and frightened anyone each monster saw fit. Some were even running across the entire park to get away.

Notorious for its paintball, Hollywood Sports now put a twist on its gimmick; grab some BB's, make a maze and shoot up some zombies.

That, and some of the "stranger" mazes, like "Venom," made for great fun, according to those in attendance.

Cerritos College alumni John

Nguyen's first maze when he got to the park happened to be "Venom," and it was an unexpected experience.

"We thought it was going to be typical, you know, like Knott's Scary Farm, but I didn't expect that ... It's like I was being born again, squeezing through a birth canal."

It's not just former students, as you get current students from Cerritos College, like Maria Lorraine, being a part of it, as well.

"I think it's really amazing because I like getting scared," she said. "I don't get as scared as much anymore, though. The zombies and the other costumed people scare me, but not as much as it does my friends."

Different mazes had different objectives. One involved shooting zombies while protecting some flags around your waist, which represented your health. Have all the flags come off, and you're "dead."

Cal Poly Pomona student Mario Onate had a simple tactic for the shooting mazes, "Stay behind people, don't get my tag pulled and just shoot zombies coming toward me."

He enjoyed the shooting mazes. "Going through it, it was just an amazing event."

Jonathan Vanderlinden, a computer animation and business administration major at Cerritos College, was in charge of one of the shooting ranges at the park.

He is a "haunt veteran." He worked at Knott's Scary Farm for three years, and this was his first time manning the station for Hollywood Sports.

"It's pretty exciting, a lot different from Knott's; you get to shoot the monsters and have fun with it," he said. "I tell people the rules, clean the masks and all the equipment and make sure all the monsters are taken care of."

His positions at both parks were completely different, too.

"As a Knott's veteran, my position was to scare the people; so that's a lot different from here where I just give rules and make sure guests are doing their thing, shooting and having fun. But, it's not as fun as scaring guests."

That fun is reserved for Austin Trent Gray.

Gray is a Gahr High School student who works for a living at Hollywood Sports playing one of the aforementioned chainsaw-wielding monsters.

"I don't play the role, I am the role."

Gray just came to volunteer one day and he started the gig. He goes to school during the week, and then Friday's come and he's ready to start again.

"When I wake up in the morning, it's one of the best feelings ever. I get to school, get it done with and I come straight here to my home. That's the best feeling you'll ever have; come and scare people, do it and have fun with it all night."

Hollywood Sports is located at 9030 Somerset Blvd, Bellflower. You can buy tickets at HauntedHollywoodSports.com, or at the counter.



A night of horror: One of the monsters who scared those in attendance at Hollywood Sports. Hollywood Sports hosted Cerritos College Night Oct. 3 and is hosting college nights for the rest of the month.

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'Waiting for Lefty' debuts on campus



A 'Lefty' kind of night: "Waiting for Lefty" debuted at the Burnight Center last Friday. The play takes place in 1930s New York and was written by Clifford Odets and is directed by Kevin Slay.

Latest play has a successful debut

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Emotional acting was a standout quality at the opening night of "Waiting for Lefty" last Friday at the Cerritos College Burnight Center.

Directed by Kevin Slay and originally written by Clifford Odets in the 1930s, "Lefty" is a politically driven play about workers going on strike during the depression in 1935 New York.

With about 80 attendees, the "Lefty" ensemble enthusiastically showcased acting skills with choreographed fights and provocative arguments.

Psychology major Katie Padilla said, "I thought it was really good. The actors were

fantastic, they did a really good job portraying each character and they really had a community. I could tell that they all worked well together and I thought it was just fantastic. Their portrayal of everything was really good."

Karina Lopez, undecided major, also praised the cast.

"I thought the costumes looked really good; acting was really, really good. I think they (the actors) portrayed the story really well and I could really feel the emotions of the play."

Not only did the acting receive positive feedback, but so did the behind-the-scenes work.

Theatre major Carlos Martinez praised light designer Richard Crother, costume designer Bradley Lock; with make-up and hair done by

Christine Stahl-Steinkamp and sound designer Chris Flores.

"I loved the lighting and especially the transitions from scene to scene. It was really awesome. Each actor portrayed (his) character really well, as well as the costuming and the sound."

Although most of the attention went to the captivating actors, English major Michael Pfirrmann thought about the deeper meanings in the play.

"It made me think of different things, about [why] people strike and other ways to get social justice. It was very interesting to see the actors also work stagehands and it was just really fun and entertaining to watch, so I really did enjoy the play," he said.

A timeless play



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Much like the setting the play is set on, "Waiting for Lefty" by Clifford Odets has some character to its looks, and it's that character that carries "Lefty" through both of its acts.

While things may appear as flaws, or signs of age, the cracks and signs of stress are what defines the play. Though this may cause some students or potential audience members from seeing the show, those that do will not be disappointed.

Written in 1935 and set within the same year, "Lefty" follows a group of taxi drivers as they form a union and discuss possibly going on strike until the company they work for increases their pay to a livable wage.

As each member speaks at the union gathering, we learn each of the backstories.

Racism and poverty are two of the ideas that are tackled in the play, but the issues are some of the same ones we still face today.

These backstories are where the actors really shine.

While the union meeting scenes move the story forward, the repetitive nature of them was apparent. The scenes do not allow the narrative to focus on one character, unless someone is dominating the scene, which often happened during union scenes whenever Fatt, played by Will Hailey, spoke and grimaced his way across the stage.

While this is largely due to the writing from Odets, some of it

falls to the cast trying at times too hard to create an atmosphere of rage and protest. The calls from the chorus at times are too loud to hear whenever main characters are speaking.

As each backstory continued, actors, both new and old, brought the audience into their lives.

Theatre veterans Gabrielle Gutierrez and Christopher Rodriguez, who played Edna and Joe, a married couple whose poverty-stricken lifestyle is putting the marriage under pressure, fed off one another. The confrontation between the two brings an uncomfortable tension, the same kind one might have from watching strangers argue in public.

The audience is drawn into the anger, just as the audience may feed on the desperation Phillips, played by Samuel Green, has as he pleads and begs for a role in a Broadway play.

Green does a wonderful job on showing the audience just what lengths some of these characters will be stretched morally. Falling back onto methods that are far from the ones we are introduced to when we first meet them, the brief encounters we are shown change each one of them.

Director Kevin Slay made a fantastic choice in choosing this play, whose social issues are more than enough to help audience members connect to the play.

"Lefty" cannot be ignored, and demands attention as much as the characters in it demand justice.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

American River to face women's water polo at home

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The women's water polo team is aiming for a win over American River College as it prepares face the team on Thursday night.

Head coach Sergio Macias said, "We played American River at the beginning of the season, so my goal and our team goal is to improve throughout the season."

After losing to ARC at the season opener in Sacramento 10-6, the team has been working hard to prepare for its rematch at the home game.

Sophomore attacker Carla Harvey, who happens to have the most goals, steals and assists in the season so far, has been working hard alongside her teammates to try and improve for this week's home game.

"We're going to play a team that beat us at the beginning of the season and see if we can narrow the difference or even come up with a victory," Macias said.

The team has an overall 5-13 record season so far and hopes to come up with a victory over the northern school on Thursday night.

START TIME: 7 P.M.



Macias to be given hall of fame honor

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The Whittier College Athletic's Hall of Fame will be welcoming Cerritos College's women's water polo and swimming coach Sergio Macias into its hall of fame Friday.

"It's always great to be acknowledged by your alma mater. So it's going to be nice to see a lot of familiar faces that I haven't seen in a lot of years," Macias said.

Macias, who is in his ninth season as a coach at Cerritos, started back in 2005 when he joined the Cerritos College athletics department by becoming both the women's water polo and women's swimming coach.

Macias is no stranger to the water. As a student at Bell Gardens High School, Macias played a part in getting his team to four consecutive league championships, as well as back-to-back California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) championships in 1995 and 1996.

As a high school student player, Macias earned CIF's Most Valuable Player and is still currently the all-time leading goal scorer in

CIF history with 706 goals scored during his high school career from 1993 to 1996.

Macias also currently holds the sixth place record for most goals in a season with a whopping 213 goals during his 1996 water polo season.

Shortly after graduating from Bell Gardens High School, Macias attended Whittier College where he then graduated in 2001 earning a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Recreation.

As a student at Whittier College, Macias became the school's first and only water polo player to receive Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's (SCIAC) Conference Player of the Year, as a sophomore student.

When asked about who he accredits for his success as a coach, Macias said, "I think a lot of who I am today, as a coach, had to do a lot with my experience as a player at Whittier College, as well as the influence that I received from my teammates and my coaches and mentors."

After graduating from Whittier College Macias then went on to receive his Master's degree in Kinesiology in 2005 from California

State University of Los Angeles.

Shortly after receiving his Master's that same year, Macias joined the Cerritos College athletic department.

From there, Macias led the women's water polo team to the team's only state championship in 2008.

"There's no regrets. You leave everything in the pool and that's what I teach my (athletes) - that this might be their last chance, their last year to be playing this sport. That they want to leave it all in the pool," Macias said.

Then in 2009 Macias, led his team to a 22-match winning streak. During the same year, Macias was named the women's water polo State Coach of the Year and the South Coast Conference Coach of the Year.

In 2009, Macias had a great success with the women's swimming team as the team won its first ever conference championship.

While in 2010, Macias earned the women's water polo team third place at the South Coast Conference, while placing second at the South Coast Conference for the women's swimming team.

That same year, Macias and the women's

swimming teamed took home 11th place in the State Championships.

Macias did not stop there, in 2011 he once again led his team to its fourth conference championship where it advanced toward the playoffs once more.

Additional accomplishments made by Macias were being named Coach of the year in 2003 by the Los Angeles Times. As well as Whittier Daily News' Coach of the Year in 2004.

One of the few things Macias looks forward to is jumping back into getting his team in top shape, even after being inducted into the hall of fame.

"I think once I get to Friday, the feelings will kick in, but for now, I just have to focus on getting my team ready for our conference game on Wednesday against Pasadena.

"Friday is going to be a special moment for myself, for my family, of course, as well. But still, the focus for the fall is still my team here. My job here at Cerritos College," Macias said.

Macias will be inducted into Whittier College's Hall of Fame this Friday.

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Prepping for Homecoming: The Cerritos College football team practicing its kick-off drills before its game on Saturday.

Football's 'homecoming'

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The football team currently holds a two-game winning streak and will be playing a big-league Homecoming game on Saturday against Allan Hancock.

The team is working hard to keep its winning streak alive and to win an important league game.

"We have been coming out pretty slow so we need to come out fast, aggressive and we need to come out and score on the first possession," Travis Newberry said, who is the team's running back.

The team is working hard to preparing for this game in its practices, whether it's physically or mentally.

"It's always mental, you can tell our practices that they're not real physical. The team that's the smartest wins. We're all good football players. I really concentrate on the mental game," head coach Frank Mazzotta said.

There is also another unique way that one of the players prepared for this game and that was using film of the other team.

"I prepare by using film studies; it's the most important thing to know what our opponent is doing, how (it) run(s) things and spend as much time in the film room as possible," Brandon Moody said as he explained how important film studies are to understand the plays that the other team is going to use.

The team has high expectations for this Homecoming game.

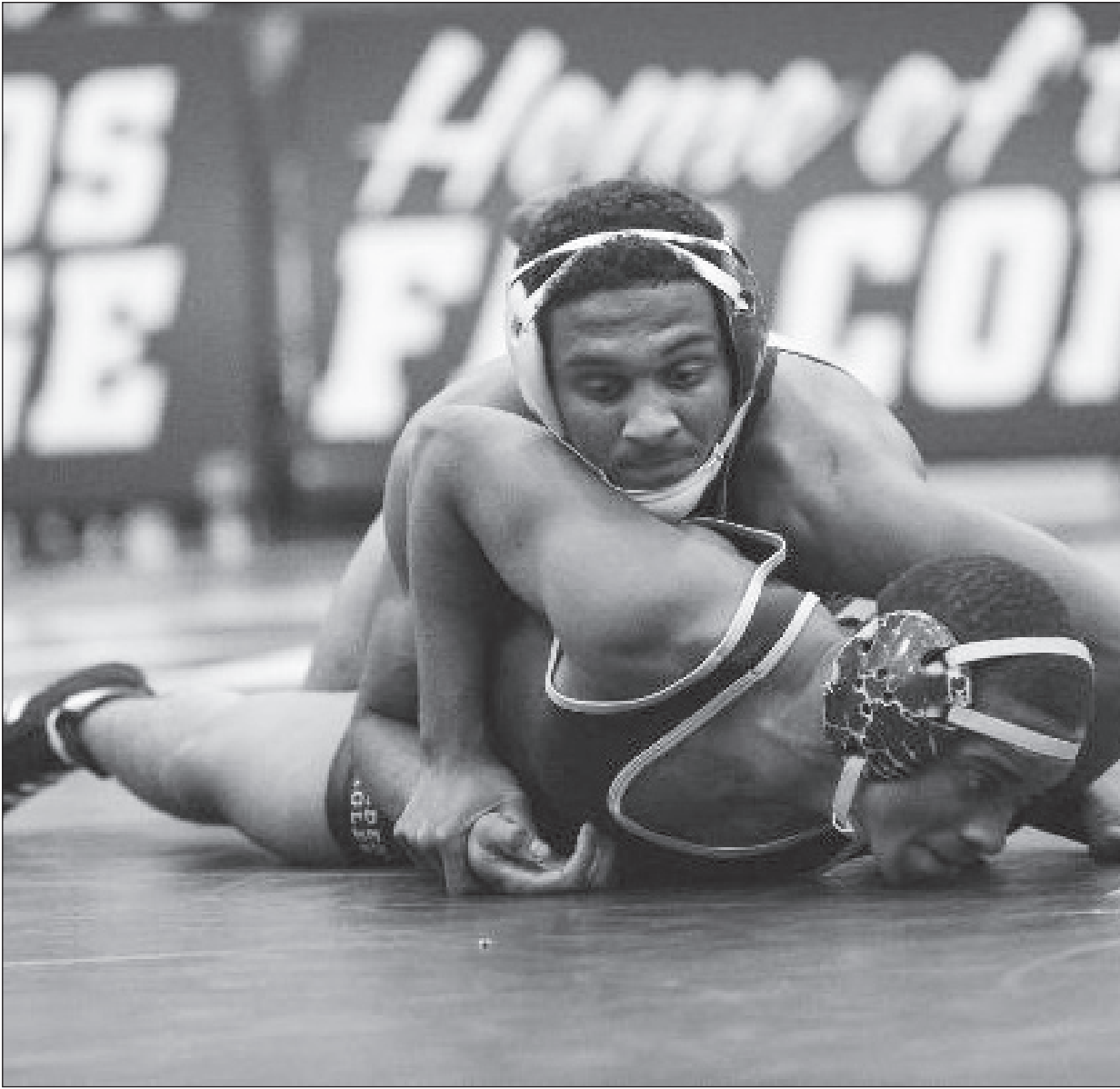
"Our thoughts right now is to play really good defense, (Allan Hancock) is a good offensive team, but we move the ball well on offense; we just need to stop making stupid mistakes and I think we will be OK," Coach Mazzotta said, demonstrating his team's expectations and how well the other team plays.

In every game, athletes must have some sort of game plan in order to win games, and this team indeed has a game plan.

"Our goal right now is to do what we need to do.

"No mental errors, no penalties, nothing that is going to put us in a hole early," Coach Mazzotta said about his team on the keys to the game.

The game is at 7 p.m. at Falcon Stadium.



DARYL PETERSON/CERRITOS FALCONS
Grappling: Antonio McKee pinning his opponent Lataurus Harris in the Falcons' win over West Hills College.

Wrestling starts home matches with Rio Hondo

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The Cerritos College wrestling team is coming off a dominant outing at the Santa Ana tournament, and is currently riding a six-game winning streak, making it undefeated for the season.

"Feels good to be on a team that's on a (six-game) winning streak; good vibe, everyone is on the same page on what we need to work on and stuff," Steven Fajardo, 165-pound weight class wrestler, said.

Head coach Don Garriott has implemented rest days on Wednesdays so wrestlers have time to refresh their body and wrestle fresh heading into their matches on the

weekends.

But with Rio Hondo College on the horizon, the Falcons must come up with a different strategy heading into the Wednesday matchup.

"I've never wrestled (Rio Hondo) before, but I believe every opponent should be taken seriously," Joshua Allen, 170-pound weight class wrestler, said.

Although it may be a slight change in its routine, the wrestling team have built good team chemistry and have bonded both on and off the mat.

"We have good team chemistry (and) bonding. I feel like we're all good friends," Fajardo said.

However, coach Garriott worries about the team becoming complacent.

"That's the main focus we're working on now because it's so easy week in and week out to just kind of set the wheels in motion and get bored and stuff, so we're trying to change things up a lot," he said.

With a mentality to stay hungry throughout the season, Garriott believes this team is talented enough to go the distance, but stays true to his philosophy of focusing on one match at a time.

"Each time we beat a team or win a tournament, he says that that (doesn't mean anything) anymore. We have to keep constantly working and be the top dog," Fajardo describes.

The wrestling team faces off against Rio Hondo College at home on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Conference matchups to continue with ELAC

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Despite sitting with an overall losing record of 5-6, the volleyball team heads into East Los Angeles College with renewed confidence as it has also earned a 2-1 conference record.

Head coach Teresa Velasquez-Ortega has reiterated fundamentals in the team's play and talked about fine tuning some problems that may have lead to its past losing skid.

She said, "The practices that we've had have been exactly for this type of game, to fix our problems that we've had in the past. And I think it works now. You can tell last game it was really good, and we just keep looking forward to the next game."

Only losing the first conference game of the season against El Camino College, the Falcons have found a spark in their play by breaking out of their losing slump and riding a current two-game win streak.

"I feel a lot better. I feel like we've been working hard and deserve it," Natalie Caravantes, setter, said.

The Falcons were short a starter (Jasmin Mitchell) against El Camino, but with their starting middle-blocker coming off an ankle sprain, hopes are high heading into ELAC.

"Now that she's back, you could see the difference in the team. Her replacement (Erika Mendoza) did a good job, but Jasmin has little bit more experience; she helps the team get a little stronger," coach Velasquez-Ortega said.

Players and coaches have reiterated the fundamentals of communication.

"Just by talking, it makes a huge impact on the court. If you don't talk, you can tell a team is not going to win."

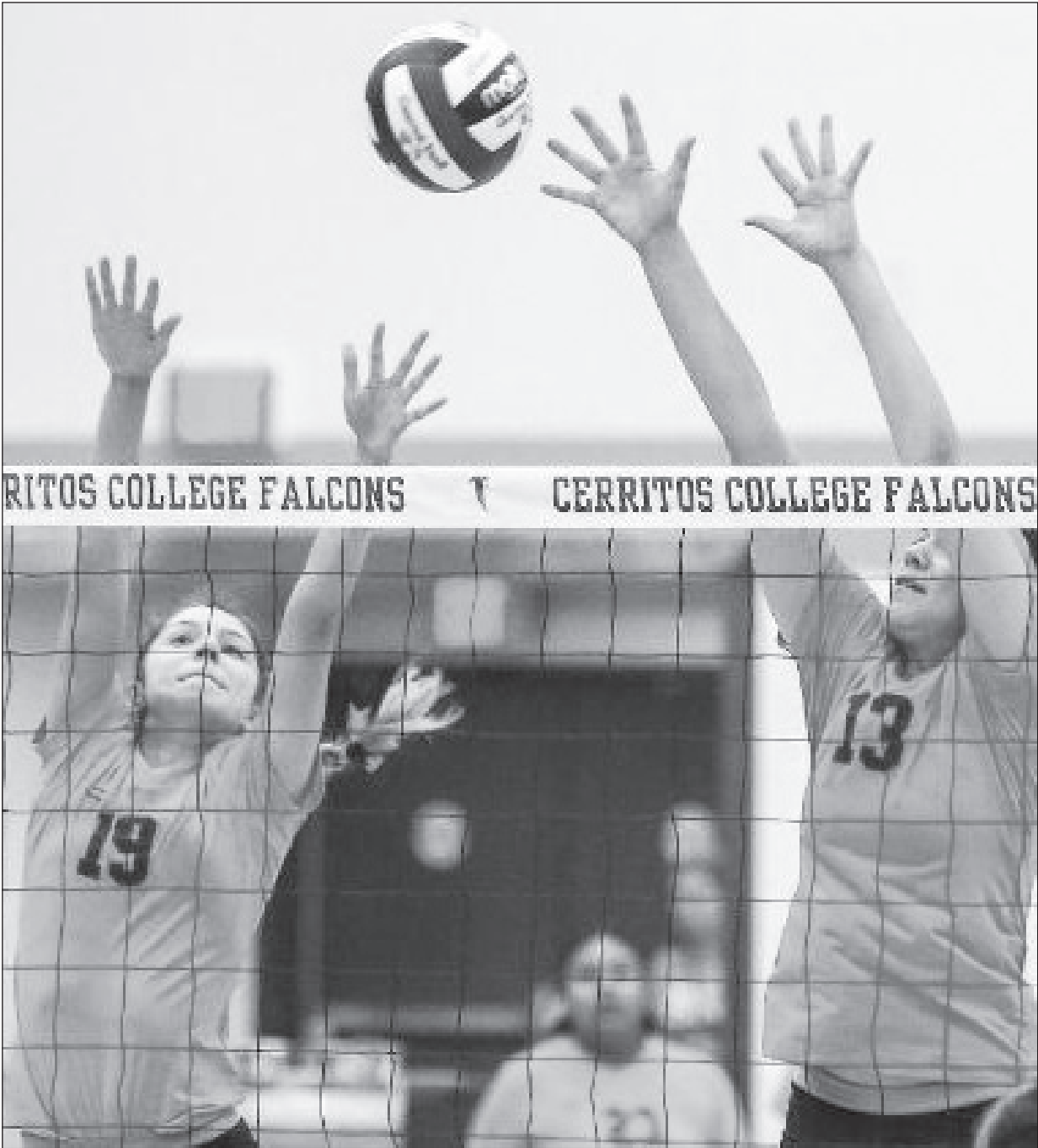
"Communication is one of the biggest things on our team, too," Sandra Alvarado, defensive specialist, said.

Being physical has also been a factor in the volleyball team's bid for a winning record.

Fighting for every ball has made an impact on the court, too.

The Falcons head to East Los Angeles College on Wednesday in hopes to continue their success against their conference.

The volleyball team's next home game is then Friday against Los Angeles Trade-Tech College at 6 p.m.



DARYL PETERSON/CERRITOS FALCONS
Aiming high: Laura Bogarin (19) and Lisa Villarreal (13) attempting to block against Mt. San Antonio College.

Friday

Men's soccer seeks to catapult off huge victory

After winning 8-2 against Pasadena City College Tuesday, the men's soccer team will play at home against Los Angeles Harbor College Friday.

The team has a 8-2-2 record and a 3-1-1 conference record.

START TIME: 4 P.M.

Friday

Volleyball comes back home to face Trade-Tech

The volleyball team will face Los Angeles Trade-Tech College at home Friday, two days after its stint with East Los Angeles College.

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

START TIME: 6 P.M.

Friday

Feisty women's soccer team venturing off to Los Angeles Harbor College

The women's soccer team will face Los Angeles Harbor College in an away contest that will dictate conference record Friday.

The team currently has a 10-1 overall record and a 4-1 conference record.

START TIME: 4 P.M.

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