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Families connect 'Through Harvest'



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Festival of 'harvest': The Child Development Center hosted the Harvest Festival as a seasonal celebration for children and family. The event had activities like face painting. It's the last event before the move to the new building in December.

Child Development Center hosts fall event for kids.

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Watching Little Red Riding Hood being chased around by the Big Bad Wolf is typically something found in fairy tales, but last Friday was indeed the exception - for Cerritos College, at least - when the Child Development Center hosted its Harvest Day Festival event for children and parents, alike.

The festival is hosted every year. The Child Development Center celebrates all the seasons throughout the year as a part of its curriculum for children.

Soliciting help from parents and students, the Harvest Festival had face painting, pumpkin carving, mask and necklace making, books for purchase and a Storywalk play.

The Storywalk was a play presented to the children and parents in a walk-through kind of fashion, having the story progress as the attendees were guided through the set, while the actors acted out the story.

The Storywalk was none other than the story of Little Red Riding Hood, with Diana Echeverria, a teacher for four-year-old students, having to face the dreaded wolf in the play.

"Well, it was very scary as you could imagine," she said. "We've been practicing and getting parents to help out throughout the week to prepare for this special event for children. And it's been great, it's been fabulous."

The focal point of the play was to promote literary awareness.

"I think the important thing is bringing stories to life for children, really seeing how fun it is to read and that stories don't just come from a book and that stories can be active and acted out. It makes it more fun for students to learn and have a love for reading," she said.

While the play was taking place in a separate section of the Child Development Center, the main patio of the center had its different events lined up.

Christian Malacarne was attending the festival with his brother Landon Artiaga, hearing about the event from his mom.

"It's pretty fun," Malacarne said. "I mean, it's kind of hectic with this little guy (Artiaga) making a mess with everything, but, all around, pretty fun. We got to make a few necklaces, but he wears them as a headband."

Students got to get a valuable experience, as well, as Alvina Thibodeaux, a student of the Child Development Center, was in charge of the drawing station.

An important aspect of child development that is grabbed from coloring is that it allows the children to unleash their imagination. She also emphasized the importance of creating memories.

"Speaking as a parent myself, the experience they (the children) should grab from this is that when they grow up, they just look back and think 'oh, I did this with my family' ... And really to just have happy memories as a child is what I really want them to grab out of these experiences."

Debra Ward, the director of the Child Development Center, mentioned how this is one of the final events the

center will host before the move to the newly constructed center on Dec. 15.

She emphasized that there are more opportunities for not only the children to learn, but for the students to have more access to resources and teach in a more intuitive way.

"There (are) areas specifically for students so students can get a really meaningful hands-on interaction with the children."

The children get more access to resources, too.

Ward said, "There's also equipment for the children that's designed for more purposeful play. It's not just a play structure; we've got underground tunnels and we have flowers and plants representing the landscape and all the different plants for all of California. The children can learn through scientific inquiry with those elements, as well."

As for Echeverria, the one lesson she grabbed from this whole event is that Little Red Riding Hood definitely learned her lesson.

"She will definitely not be talking to any strangers."

Lacy responds to two resignation petitions

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Despite her announcing her resignation for June 2015, a petition has appeared that is trying to force Cerritos College President Linda Lacy to resign early.

According to an article by Hews Media Group - Community Newspaper, two online petitions have appeared demanding President Lacy's resignation.

President Lacy has avoided addressing her critics but responded to claims made in the petition through an e-mail sent to employees of the college.

"I try not to respond to unidentified, anonymous sources, negative sources or those types of comments, but you know, I think it had finally risen to the level of concern," she said.

She said that she was made aware of the petitions but has not seen them. Talon Marks was unable to find the petitions online,

as well.

The article by HMG-CN said that the petition said that Lacy had made questionable decisions as president.

One of the criticisms against her has been the hiring of Miya Walker, who is in charge of public relations for Cerritos College.

Walker was hired after the college's former public relations specialist Mark Wallace retired two years ago.

HMG-CN stated that the college hired Walker and "went on a campaign to discredit and stop advertising dollars to HMG-CN, going so far as to say the sole purpose of hiring her as the Public Affairs Director for the college was to 'take on and discredit' HMG-CN."

Walker said that the idea that the college would try to hire her to go after one newspaper is not true.

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Records set: Ashley Anaya-Webb and Nayeli Requejo (pictured to the right) broke the total-goal and assists record for Cerritos College, respectively for the women's soccer team. **Read "Broken Records" on Page 6.**

Sports Spotlight

Woman is videotaped in restroom

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A female student was accosted in the women's restroom on the second floor of the Liberal Arts Building by an unidentified male suspect on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

The suspect was in the stall next to the student and had put his phone under the stall, with the intention to record her without her consent.

The student waited for the suspect and confronted him.

"I made a mistake," he said and fled the scene.

The incident was reported almost two hours later, "We received a call at approximately 8:20 p.m.," Interim Police Chief Tom Gallivan said.

Campus police is conducting an active investigation and a witness has come forth ...

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Gallivan: A man wearing two hats these days

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Stumbling across Tom Gallivan at any point and asking him how his day is going would probably evoke one response. “Busy.”

But that’s the kind of thing you would expect from a man who is wearing two hats.

Gallivan, captain of campus police, now also serves the role of Interim Police Chief.

He helped fill the role at the beginning of the semester after former Police Chief Richard Bukowiecki died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound on Aug. 18 at a Super 8 Motel in Westminster, per the Orange County Sheriff Department Coroner Press Release.

Gallivan is in and out of meetings, keeping him occupied.

“You didn’t realize how busy Chief Bukowiecki was,” Gallivan said. “It’s very exciting in one aspect. There’s a lot of things that I have visions and goals for the police department. And I’m just trying to get caught up with everything.”

He accredits the welcoming attitude everyone involved had when he took hold of the position.

“It’s nothing but positive,” he said. “The officers have been nothing but supportive; the faculty’s been great; the managers have been supportive.”

He follows some of the philosophies Bukowiecki used to take.

One thing Gallivan noted was that “you always want to make it better than when you got here.” He said Bukowiecki definitely did that.

“I think the biggest thing - coming into a school environment - is understanding the role. We’re here for the students, as well,” he said. “Now, unfortunately, students sometimes don’t feel that way when they get a parking ticket.

“But, the whole goal, and what Chief Bukowiecki’s philosophy was: no job is too small. If a student has a dead (car) battery, and none of the officers are available to jumpstart the car, well, that’s where he (Chief Bukowiecki) or I would go out.”

Cathy Bukowiecki, wife of the former chief of police, said, “Tom is so overworked. He’s doing the captain job and his (Chief Bukowiecki’s job).”

Gallivan reiterated the “no job is too small” mantra. He also emphasized that “students come first; safety always - but I think responsiveness is the key to this position. If there’s an issue, let’s deal with it.”

He highlighted the principles of responsiveness and transparency.

Filling in the position on an interim basis, Gallivan seems to be on borrowed time. However, applications for the position are set to be released early November, per Vice President of Human Resources Mary Anne Gualarte.

“Mr. Gallivan has extensive experience in law enforcement and public service,” she said. “His expertise, service attitude and professional demeanor are well known by his peers and colleagues.

“The position announcement is being finalized and it is anticipated that the position will be open for applications by early November, if not sooner.”

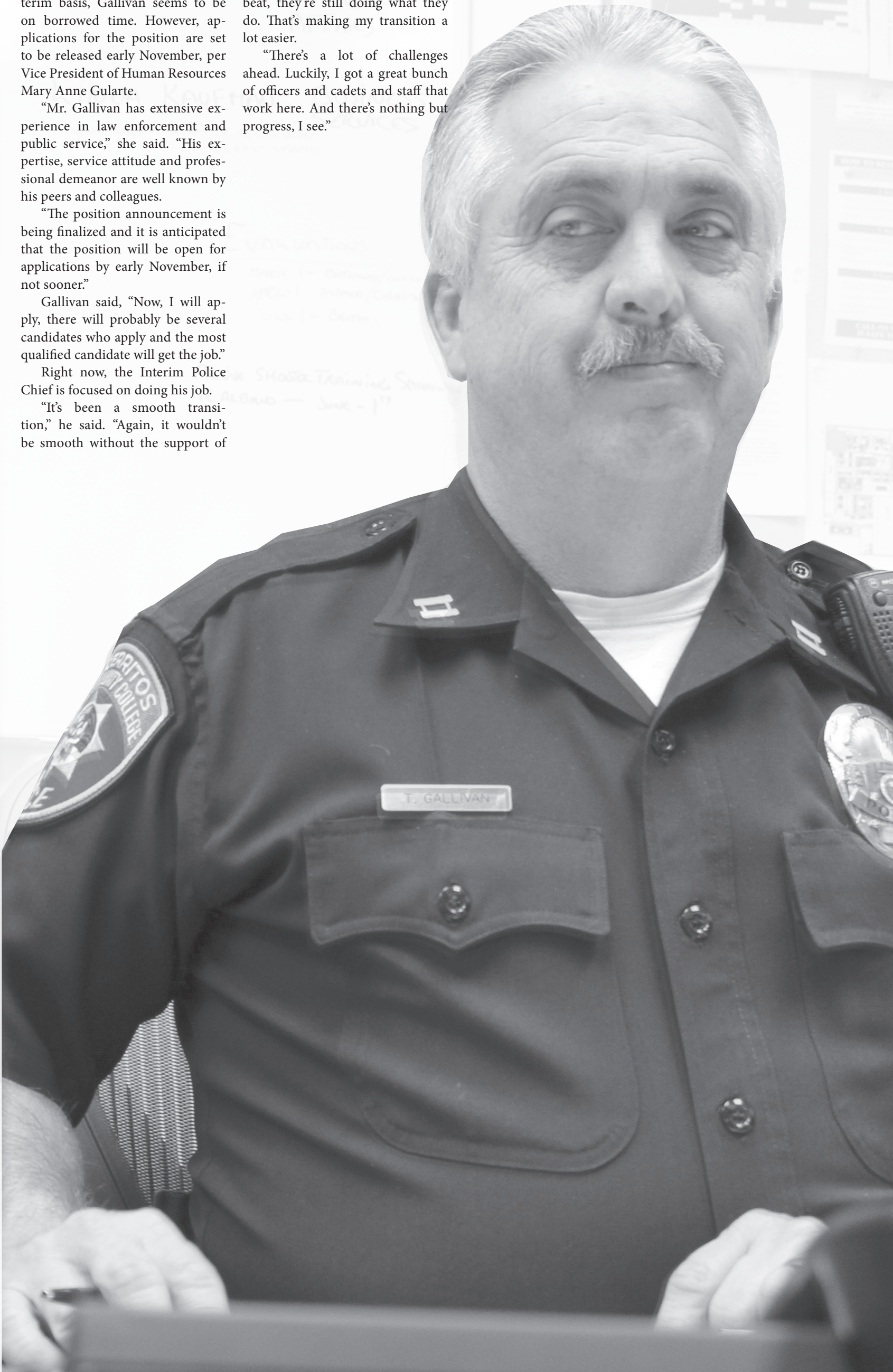
Gallivan said, “Now, I will apply, there will probably be several candidates who apply and the most qualified candidate will get the job.”

Right now, the Interim Police Chief is focused on doing his job.

“It’s been a smooth transition,” he said. “Again, it wouldn’t be smooth without the support of

the officers. They haven’t missed a beat, they’re still doing what they do. That’s making my transition a lot easier.

“There’s a lot of challenges ahead. Luckily, I got a great bunch of officers and cadets and staff that work here. And there’s nothing but progress, I see.”



GUSTAVO LOPEZ/TM

Crime on campus

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... that witnessed the confrontation between the student and the suspect but not the actual incident.

The suspect is described as a black male; approximately 20 to 25 years old; 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall; thin build; light complexion; short, black hair; wearing a tight, gray shirt; blue jeans and red-and-black high-top shoes.

Campus police will increase its presence on campus during the evening, and will start patrolling inside the buildings, according to Gallivan.

He recommends that students be more aware of their surroundings, to “get their nose out of their phone, which is something we’re all guilty of.”

There have been two other recent incidents in which the safety of a student was compromised.

On Oct. 16, there was what is classified as a “strong armed robbery,” in which the student’s cell-phone was snatched out of the student’s hand. No new leads have appeared.

On Oct. 21, a student was assaulted by three unknown assailants, one of which brandished a knife. The suspects got into a vehicle and drove away.

According to Gallivan, the student that was assaulted has chosen not to press charges, even if the suspects are apprehended.

“Violent crimes are far and few between,” Gallivan said.

“That’s why we put out safety alerts, because they’re unusual.”

Students feel worried about being on campus during night classes or isolated areas.

“I drive and I have night classes, and when I walk out of class I walk out with the rest of my classmates.”

Melissa Guevara, mechanical engineering major, said.

She added, “But if I was walking by myself, yeah, I’d feel a little unsafe.”

Other students feel different.

“I’m a guy so I feel safe. I guess it’s a different story for (women).”

Scott Han, physical therapy major, said.

Students can call campus police for an escort to their car as long as it’s on campus.

Gallivan said, “As far as [police] escorts go, we encourage it. We have officers and cadets working and if someone is parked in a far off parking lot, don’t hesitate to give us a call.”

There have also been 12 bicycle thefts for the month of October, according to the campus police daily crime logs.

“Crimes tend to go up especially during the holidays,” Gallivan said.

Students tend to have expensive gifts in their cars and are more prone to break ins.

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“I just think the notion of the position, which was a vacant position, was what the college of this size definitely needed ... I don’t believe that it would be financially responsible for the college to have someone to deal with one aspect of the college; the college wouldn’t do that,” she said.

Lacy supports Walker and the work she’s done for the college since she was hired.

“She was hired to fill a vacant position and she serves a vital role in this college and she’s the public relations, community relations person. It was a vacant position and she’s doing a fabulous job.”

The author of the HMG-CN article is unknown at this time and the school is not planning on taking any action.

“I don’t really give these allegations much thought,” Walker said. “The college has bigger concerns that need to be focused on, so the allegations of one news organi-

zation isn’t something we should be completely focused on.

“We have lots of work to be done to improve student success and to make sure our campus is running smoothly.”

President Lacy has said that she appreciates the support she has received from members of the school.

On Tuesday, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution of support for Dr. Lacy.

In the resolution, the senate listed the accomplishments of Dr. Lacy, such as improving “morale and communication over previous presidents by initiating public forums” and maintaining “a budget surplus during the fiscal crisis without full-time employee layoffs or furloughs.”

The resolution stated that the senate “supports the continued employment of Dr. Lacy until the effective date of resignation, June 30, 2015.”

Lacy said, “There’s been overwhelming support from the community in response; obviously you don’t like to see (these) type of things when you’re in this position. But, I’ve been very pleased in the support for me since that came out.”

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EDITORIAL

No one knows, no one goes

You're walking down campus and all you see are flyers and banners touting that this whole financial aid workshop thing that's happening is going to be the biggest event of the year.

People left and right are campaigning for students to attend and join and be invested in this important endeavor that impacts students.

Everyone on campus can't wait to join. All the while, let's just say Homecoming, for instance, is left high and dry, wondering what went wrong with such a low turnout.

Of course, this all refers to the events of an alternate universe because none of this happened, because nobody allows it to happen.

Workshops involving critical information, like scholarships, financial aid and transferring out of school, should get top billing and advertising priority above any other school activity as it directly involves the main purpose of school - which is either to transfer or graduate.

A few weeks ago, Homecoming was advertised prominently, with elections for potential queens running rampant across campus and all of Homecoming week encompassing all types of different activities.

All the while, a financial aid workshop was the one in this universe being left high and dry, having a turnout of one student.

Now, part of this is definitely the media's fault - which is Talon Marks. Talon Marks in its own right can do a better job in coverage in terms of these workshops. The workshops are being reported of after the event, but how about a preview of what's to come? Sure. That's fair.

Additionally, it may sound hypocritical to bash Homecoming (which is not the

case, it is simply to illustrate a point and a perspective about advertising workshops) when two print editions of Talon Marks have had Homecoming-related items on the front page.

We are reporting things of prominence on campus. Homecoming is something that is major and exaggerated at Cerritos College, so it's only natural that it inhibits that same prominent billing on our pages.

But, that's what the Internet is for, too. Why don't we get everyone to gather around and encourage a holistic effort when it comes to orchestrating and organizing and promoting such things together.

When these workshops of importance come our way, let's get the people of ASCC, the official PR team of Cerritos College and those involved in these workshops to promote the living hell out of these events.

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram - all that social media. Let's use these as tools to bring our students closer to home when it comes to these important resources of information that these workshops exhibit out to the masses.

The information is there, folks. You have students all the time being confused about the financial aid process or the transferring process - but here you have these workshops available and nobody is going to them. It's a failure on our part.

Let's not get rid of these cool activities that are Homecoming or Zombie Fest, (they are enjoyable, for sure) but let's go ahead and give the same prestige to workshops - workshops that are advocates for student success, which is the foundation that this whole college is based on.



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Is America ready for a female president?

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NATHAN PALACIOS
Welding major

"(It) really doesn't matter what gender as long as (she) can get the work done."



JESSE SALAS
Collision Repair major

"I would say no. People had a huge problem with having a black president; I think they probably (would) have complained as much about having a female president."



VANESSA VEGA
English major

"I definitely think that we are. Maybe 10 years ago we wouldn't have, but we've been more open minded about who we put in office."



EDGAR FLORES
Mechanical Engineering major

"I think (a female would) do (well). We haven't given (females) a chance; you never know what the female perspective would do for the United States."



NICOLE CAMACHO
Communications major

"Yes, I definitely think America is ready for a female president because women are just as empowered as men and I think it's terrible that people say women can't be leaders."

Men can have feminine traits



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The word "femininity" appears to the public as having womanly behaviors, traits and displaying feminine roles since the day you are born.

But the truth is, femininity is socially constructed.

When we think about being feminine, we automatically assume it only refers to women. But we should really consider the fact that the term "feminine" applies to both genders.

Often we judge men who are a little too sensitive, dress well, cook, have manners, are chivalrous and overall are just great guys, as if men cannot by any means show emotion or be polite.

That's just a stereotype, though.

Why is it that when women are tough, fix a car and have a leadership title (a boss or a supervisor), they are praised and admired for being hard-working, strong and independent? All which are masculine traits.

But when men step out of their "expected" manly persona, they are looked down upon and are viewed as weak and even called gay by some.

Men have the right to care about their looks - just as women - and they should not have to feel less about it just because society

doesn't agree with it. Today, it is not out of the norm to see males well-groomed with a fashionable style; in the fashion world, women are mainly portrayed on runway shows more than men.

If you have heard about metrosexuals - men who care about grooming and their appearance - you know that they do not necessarily have to be a homosexual to fall into that category. Metrosexuals tend to spend a large amount of time getting ready and also tend to spend a lot of money, too.

Some guys even wear make-up, which is supposed to be an extremely feminine trait, but it doesn't make them less of a man compared to a woman who has facial or short hair and doesn't like to shave.

According to the WebMD website, "Metrosexual men are very secure in their sexuality. They're comfortable getting a facial or a pedicure. It doesn't make them feel any less masculine or any less heterosexual."

There's the misconception that men are never supposed to cry, are always supposed to be in charge and are always supposed to be more successful than women.

Newsflash - some men need care and affection the same way that women do. Sometimes, men want to be pampered and don't want to have so much pressure on them.

So, can males be feminine, too? Heck, yes. And they should embrace it. Be kind, be nurturing, be sweet and just be yourself, no matter what anyone else thinks.

Financial support for everyone



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Undocumented students should receive financial aid - pure and simple. Students with financial aid will probably never know the struggle of trying to pay for books, food and transportation (gas or bus).

It's not easy not being able to legally work AND go to school - full-time or even part-time.

According to the Cerritos College website, the cost of tuition per semester (factoring in miscellaneous spending, transportation and even rent to parents) has the total cost for the semester at \$5,979. That's \$49 for each unit and the \$19 health fee.

Or, the equivalent of 4,493 Doritos Taco Bell tacos, 5,855 Cup of Noodles or 111 complete box sets of the Game of Thrones books.

And that's just for a semester.

Being a student with financial aid is hard enough, but having to pay out of pocket for books and transportation plus those other pesky expenses, like food and clothing, just really limits how many classes an undocumented student can take.

If a student qualifies, he can get a Board of Governors fee waiver. This brushes off the unit fees for classes, but even then, just worrying about books and transportation still limits stu-

dents.

Too many times students with financial aid squander their money on a new car or clothes, mainly because they have money left over or have jobs.

Getting through school is a struggle for most undocumented students because there is a barrier in both a financial and social sense.

Most students probably don't discuss their legal status openly. And if you're broke, odds are you try to hide it as much as possible.

There's a difference between, "I only have \$20; I'm broke; let's go eat," which a financial aid student would often say, and "I only brought enough money for the bus ride (\$1.75) home; I'm broke."

The challenges and obstacles an undocumented student faces are many and are often seen as trivialities by others.

"Just get a job" is like saying "just stop being depressed." The point is that undocumented students can't get jobs - at least not legally.

Students under 30 can now apply for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals so that they may be able to legally work.

However, legal fees and the fee for the deferred action are expensive and some might see how financial aid might come in handy to help pay for such things.

Too many people paint undocumented students as lesser than citizens, and this attitude is not restricted to students alone.

It's time to change that attitude and see how much easier getting an education can and should be for everyone.

Becoming a Monster

Theatre students get behind-the-scenes make-up tour by Knott's Berry Farm.

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With Halloween around the corner and theme parks converting to an appropriate theme, the Cerritos College theatre class took a field trip to Knott's Berry Farm to watch and analyze professional make-up artists apply their craft on how they create monsters for the attractions at the park.

Students walked into a building set-up behind Knott's to see a behind-the-scenes interactive tour of Knott's.

Head of the makeup and costume programs at Cerritos College, Susan Watanabe-Lonsbury, has been leading students throughout the Knott's make-up tour for over 15 years, expecting her artists to adopt some of the techniques.

"I want them (the students) to watch each of the different make-up artists; they each have their own style, own techniques that work for them and it's fun for them. Some of them do want to be make-up artists here (one day)."

As a former Knott's make-up artist with nine years of experience, she has trained and transitioned students di-

rectly into working for Knott's. "I think it's neat for them to work on a monster and take a picture of a monster and say 'hey I worked on this' ... and actually go in the park and see them in the light that they're meant to be seen in," Watanabe-Lonsbury said.

With over 37 make-up artists hastily working on monsters, a few students had an opportunity to aid some professional artists in applying make-up and creating monsters.

The process, methods and techniques that were used by professionals at the theme park are reminiscent of those taught in Watanabe-Lonsbury's class.

Alyson Landry, theatre make-up major, has been on the make-up tour three consecutive years and notices similarities toward applying prosthetics and make-up.

"Everything is very similar; when you come here (to Knott's), you can see that," she said. "Whenever I come here, I make sure to learn different methods of which is better, which products to use, how to apply stuff, so it's a really great learning experience if you just talk to people."

The make-up stations were segregated by monster categories: clowns, zombies, vampires, blood and gore; chosen by the Knott's Entertainment Department. The categories are changed every year with a unique storyline.

In the clowns section was former

Cerritos College student Alma Griffin, now a professional make-up artist with over 19 years of experience. She enjoys watching the young pupils weave through the make-up booths in awe.

"I always tell (students), 'it's always fun to do this, don't get discouraged, it is hard.' It brings me back to when I was all in awe of this whole environment and watching (Susan) do her work and learning from her. The brightness in their eyes - I like to see that in their faces," Griffin said.

She described how she visualizes the process as an art project, beginning with a blank canvas that is both predetermined and improvisational.

Because of the lack of lighting at the theme park, colors applied on the monsters must be exaggerated in order to be seen by people attending the park.

The former Cerritos College student also offered some words of encouragement toward students looking for a similar career path.

"If this is what you're picking for (as a career), it is hard, it is a hard industry, but I'm doing it. I'm here. It can be done," Griffin said.

Scan to see a snippet of the tour in our News Roundup.



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The make-up applied is a representation of a person's face being peeled off.



ABRAHAM VENEGAS/TM

Knott's make-up horror: Theatre students were provided with a tour courtesy of Knott's Berry Farm. The tour gave insight as to how the process for the make-up works when it is time for those who dress up as monsters to scare during the Knott's Scary Farm iteration of the park.



Piano room offers resources

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The Music Department has a total of 10 practice rooms and about 180 students come to practice five days out of the week in its piano room.

Not all students come to practice piano, however. Some come to practice for voice, saxophone, guitar, violin, percussion and trumpet practices. But, piano plays an important role for students majoring in music.

"If you're a music major, you have to have fundamentals," music major Zineb Fikri said.

The practice rooms are not open to the public; they're strictly for music students and students enrolled in the applied music program, which is a program that students have to audition for. If the students get in, they have to perform a recital every semester.

As for jam sessions, students are allowed to work together as long as they're not messing around and wasting time in the practice rooms. Administrative Clerk No. 3 Micki England said, "Students are allowed to work on an ensemble together if they're going to be in the same concert.

"Sometimes the Music Club will allow students to get together and work on a project, but we're very careful to make sure that everyone is being respectful and not wasting the room because students are in line to practice and the rooms are always being used."

One advantage that piano students get is that if all the practice rooms are taken, they're able to use the classroom pianos - if there isn't a class.

This all factors in as to why the rooms are not available to the public.

"We barely have enough pianos and we have a designated time and there are a lot of times where we can't get in because the rooms are taken," Lorenda Jamison said.

David Reyes added, "It's great for other students to practice, as well, not just the applied students, but I mean if you're talking about messing around, then probably not, because ultimately it's for us to better our chances into seeking a career, which is the main purpose."

The students also shared their thoughts on how the practice rooms could use some improvements, like having air conditioning in the rooms and making the rooms sound proof. Students come in to practice for different reasons - like voice practice or trumpet training - and the sounds can be heard, causing a distraction.

The building itself could use some work.

"The practice rooms are probably the nicest, but I think this building in general could probably use an upgrade," Forrest Holter said.

Besides its cons the practice room has its pros - the most important one being it's a great advantage for students who do not

have a piano at home or a place to practice.

Reyes said, "I have a piano at home, but I don't always have the discipline that I need when I'm at home, so I come here and I practice here because I know that I'll get the practice in and meet the required hours when I'm here."

"It gives us that extra opportunity to focus on what we're doing, because, you know, resources aren't always there."

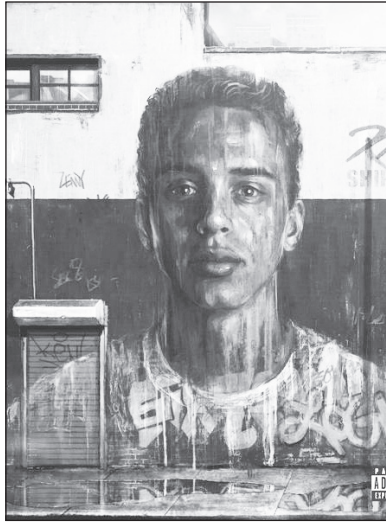
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Coming out 'golden': Kevin Rubio prepares to shoot during the Golden West Tournament. The tournament was held at Cerritos College where the team played four games over two days.

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Men's water polo comes out 'golden' with 3 - 1 record at home tournament

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The men's water polo team finished with a 3-1 record at the Golden West Tournament last weekend. Head coach Joe Abing liked the fact that the tournament was at home. "It was a little bit of a help. We had four games in two days; two games a day. In between games many guys were able to go home and rest, so I think there's an advantage there; familiarity with your own pool, not a huge advantage, but definitely an advantage." In the first game last Friday, the Falcons defeated Riverside College 8-5. During the second game, which was

also on Friday, the team found itself evenly matched with Orange Coast College, but the Pirates came out on top 12-11. The Falcons took the third game, 13-6, against American River College. The final game of the tournament was against San Joaquin Delta College, with the Falcons receiving the win with the same previous score. Despite winning three of the four games played, the games were still tough to win. "Our best opponent this weekend was Orange Coast College. (It) gave us one heck of a game, the game level was intense. We lost by one point that game, so I hope we play (the team) again so we can beat (it)," Utility Carlos Abrego said. The team has an overall record of 19-8 and a conference record of 3-1, and still has four conference games left to see if it qualifies for playoffs. "Our aspirations are championships. The team that is expected to take it all is Long Beach, hopefully we can surprise everyone and take it all," Utility Kevin Rubio said. Abing said, "Our weak point is making sure that we are taking high percentage shots. We're not going to make every shot, but we need to take smart shots. Usually (the team gets) into trouble when (it) take(s) bad shots and it leads to fast breaks for the other team, but that's something that we have been working on throughout the year." The team's next game is on Wednesday against El Camino College and is a big conference game.

Students athletes could soon face new grade requirements

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All student-athletes will be held to a higher academic standard per the California Community College Athletic Association starting July 1. Under the current rules, student-athletes must have a 2.0 GPA and attempt 24 units in between their respective sport. The current proposal, offered by the CCCAA, is that the minimum amount of units should be increased to 27, and 50 percent of those units must be completed over a three semester span (spring, summer and fall) in order to become eligible. As Athletic Director Dan Clauss explained, the purpose for the legislation is to expedite degree completion for student-athletes and not allow them to digress after they finish playing their respective sport. "We have several community college athletes that might not complete their AA-degree after they finish their athletic eligibility, so by increasing the units it gets them closer to the AA-degree. We're trying to get them to AA-completion," Clauss said. Despite putting student-athletes' academic career on a fast track, the current proposal conflicts with the basketball season, which spans over two semesters - fall and spring. A basketball player may potentially become ineligible mid-season if the athlete does not meet the forthcoming sanctions.

Although the sanctions are yet to be enacted, Clauss and athletic counselor Mike Miles have begun the process of introducing the upcoming bylaws to student-athletes so they can get accustomed to the process come July. "In our eligibility meetings this fall we met with every single sport individually, Mike Miles and myself, we actually introduced the new bylaws," Clauss said. "While they (the bylaws) didn't apply to the incoming freshmen, we told them that that's what they need to do to try and get them used to it coming next year." The academic bar will be raised for student-athletes come July, but there are three other proposals on the table yet to be voted on in April, according to Dean of Athletics Dan Smith. "We'll vote on all four of those proposals in April and then whatever we vote on will go into effect on [July 1]. Because we're on a semester, it would only apply to men's and women's basketball, but some of the quarter schools could end in the middle of a spring sport, so that's probably the biggest controversy," Smith said. It is unknown how these controversies will be worked out before the laws take effect. Though nothing is definitive yet, student-athletes will be expected to raise their academic standards regardless of which proposal becomes enacted in April.



Cross Country goes all out for Mt. SAC championships

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A three-week time difference has the cross country team hopeful to top Mt. San Antonio College at the South Coast Conference Championships this Friday. Sophomore Francisco Ortiz said, "It gives us more time to recover and train hard, so we should be hitting faster times for this upcoming meet." Coach Bryan Ramos agreed, "We actually needed the break. Some of our guys were a little bit beat up, so it played in our favor. Everyone is healthy and that's really what's important." "It's going to be a tough battle with Mt. SAC, but if we stick to what has made us successful in the pack running, then I think we can definitely vie for the title," he said. "The key is going to be basically breaking up [Mt. SAC's] No. 1 and 2

athlete, and our fifth runner has to run really well, but (all the women) have been running really well so I think we have a good chance of doing well in conference." Sophomore Ariel Melendez is also looking forward to competing against East Los Angeles College. "My whole goal is to try to get the top (women) there and see what I'm capable of doing," she said. Melendez hopes that the team keeps its relentless mentality for this upcoming meet. "I believe we, as a team, could accomplish first," Melendez said. The women are currently riding a streak of two invitational championships, while the men hope to improve the success from the previous meets. "Work together and stick together as a team and that way we can come in a better place than last time," Ortiz said about the team's preparation.

The team has been drinking more water to increase its persistence and consistency. "We've been cutting down on our workout, definitely doing a lot more anaerobic exercises and we picked up our intensity, cut down on our volume, just getting ready for our conference meet," Ramos added. Ortiz said, "The women are looking strong again and you just have to be confident that they put in all the work all season." "Most of the meets were just preparation. Conference is a big deal, we have a big rivalry with Mt. SAC and after this meet we only run seven runners, so for some of the athletes, this is going to be their last meet for the year." "This is a conference meet and we pretty much are fighting for a title and that's pretty important to us. We're representing our school, not only our team."



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Taking pace: The cross country team is hoping to take advantage of a three-week break to get a leg up in its next conference against Mt. San Antonio College. The women's team has won its last two invitionals.

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- Shots: 46
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Propelling the Cerritos College women’s soccer team: Ashley Anaya-Webb (left) and Nayeli Requejo (right) broke records on back-to-back home games. Anaya-Webb currently holds the state record for most goals scored and Requejo broke the single-season school record for most assists in a season.

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Scoring and assists records broken

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Cerritos forward and midfielder Nayeli Requejo shot the ball past the East Los Angeles College goalkeeper last Friday, being awarded a penalty kick in the first half against the team that gave the Falcons their sole loss (East Los Angeles College).

Forward Ashley Anaya-Webb went on to score two goals, helping the Falcons shut-out ELAC 7-0, and increased her goals scored to 28, the most in California.

“It’s really nice to see that. I’ve put a lot of effort and time into it and so has my team, and it’s nice having coaches that notice, as well,” Anaya-Webb said of her state-leading accomplishment.

Those goals came with the help of her teammate, Requejo, whose 21st assist last Tuesday broke Nancy Gandarilla’s Cerritos College record for most assists in a single season set in 2009. She now has 22.

“I was never a player to pay attention to stats, it didn’t really phase me. But now I’m proud of myself, but I still expect more. I still want to work hard,” Requejo said.

Defender Alex Kidd said, “[Requejo] is our captain and we’re good friends and we discuss strategies. [Anaya-Webb] and I are good friends. We played club before college so we [already] knew (one another).”

Requejo started playing soccer at the age of 6, while Anaya-Webb began at the age of 4. Both women cite their family as their biggest supporters, as well as Portuguese player Cristiano Ronaldo as a player to look up to.

“I think his touch-up ball is fantastic,” Anaya-Webb said.

The years of practice have accumulated to several accolades between the two, including Anaya-Webb being named the Empire League Offensive Most Valuable Player her junior and senior year at Yorba Linda High School, and Requejo’s jersey being retired after her senior year at Bishop Amat High School.

After graduating high school, Anaya-Webb attended and played at Cal State Long Beach, but decided that it was not the best place for her.

“I needed somewhere to go and I wasn’t really sure if I was going to play soccer anymore at that point, so I came here and had [head coach] Ruben [Gonzalez] help me get classes and help me go through the steps to transfer.”

Requejo also credits Gonzalez as a factor in choosing Cerritos College.

“I got into (different) Cal States, but I really didn’t have a plan where I would end up and Ruben kept asking me if I wanted to go to Cerritos, and it sounded like the best option, so I came.”

Regarding her future plans, Requejo said, “I want to transfer to a college that pays for my school and I can play soccer so it’s all worth it. Or, if I can’t get a scholarship and help my parents out, then what was all this for? But my far reaching dream would be to go to Europe and try to play professionally.”

Anaya-Webb hopes to transfer and play at a Division 1 school.

“I want soccer to take me as far as it can, and after that, I want to become a police officer,” she said.

Even with numerous accomplishments, sometimes nerves are inevitable.

To shake off those occasional nerves, Requejo said, “I just tell myself ‘you can do this’ and I overtake it with concentration and determination.”

As for Anaya-Webb, “Before every game I usually pray, and after about 10 minutes, I’ll probably settle and then I’ll start focusing on the little things, like my touch, my passing and everything falls into place, I believe.”

Those nerves show little impact on the duo, as they have helped the Falcons top the South Coast Conference with a 7-1 record, and 13-1 overall.

Both players put a lot of trust in one another and share a competitive mentality.

Requejo said, “We just mesh well. I’m not afraid to pass the ball to her, even if I give her a bad pass, I know she’s going to do well.”

Anaya-Webb said, “She likes to dribble and I like to pass, so it works out really well for both of us.”

“They’re both really hard workers and Ashley has really good shots and Nayeli’s really good at dribbling on the sides, so they both work together really well. The team is really proud of them,” Kidd said.

Off the field, Requejo is a communications major who enjoys hanging out with friends, listening to artists such as Drake and Prince Royce and eating carne asada tacos.

Anaya-Webb, a criminal justice major, also spends her free time with friends, sometimes by attending their soccer games, and enjoys eating sushi. But, “I focus mostly on soccer,” she said.

“Everything revolves around soccer,” Requejo added.

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