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Summer class
increase to
take in effect

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The summer sun will be shining down on Cerritos College students looking to take general education and special skills classes starting May 23.

In an effort to help students be ready for the fall transition, the school has added approximately 100 new sections plus to the summer catalogue.

Cerritos College President Dr. Jose Fierro stated, "I've spoken with different groups around campus, especially students, the general comment I get is that we have bottleneck courses in some of our general education.

He continued, "So we want to make an effort to increase the summer sections, especially in gen eds and special skills to try to help our students to be ready for the fall and transition to the next term."

He noted that although good work has been accomplished reducing waiting lists, there are still people on those lists and hopes class additions help ready students for the fall.

Fierro expressed that he doesn't want students to spend an entire term waiting for classes to be available.

"This is one of our first attempts to fill the schedule with completion and gen ed courses with the hopes of decreasing the bottlenecks in some of our courses, he said."

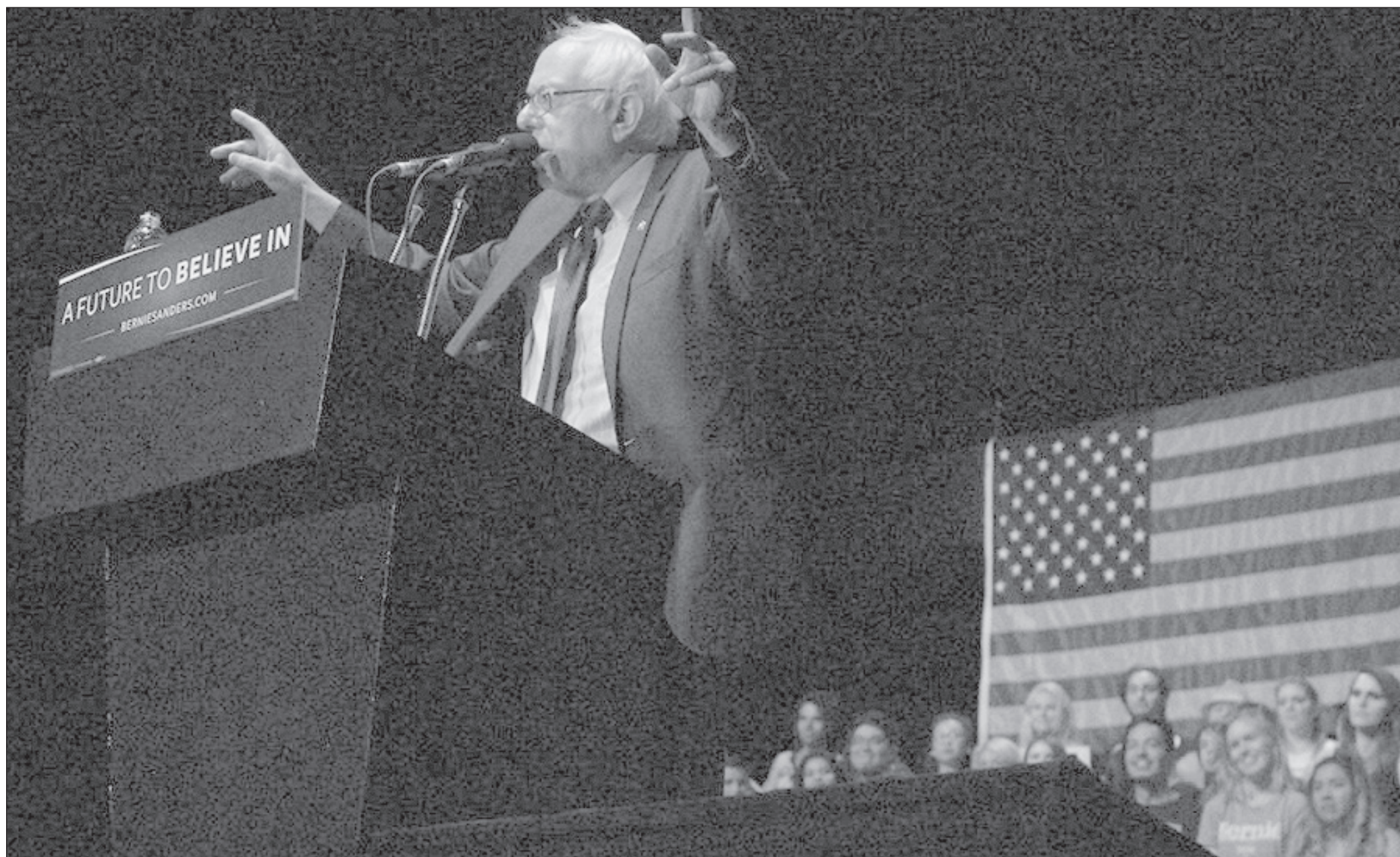
Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs Rick Miranda agreed with Fierro noting the president's concern with student success.

"Dr. Fierro is very concerned about new and continuing students so much so that he asked departments to add more sections to summer than originally scheduled.

"There are nearly an additional 100 sections being offered for the May start and more to come for the second half of summer."

Miranda also noted that students have been vocal about the addition of sections to allow them to transfer to four year schools, complete an associate's degree or certificate program that will allow them to get a job or move up in their job.

Sanders to Cerritos?



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Put A Bird On It: Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders at the Wiltern located in Korea Town on March 23. The rally was held last minute due to heavy snow fall at his next campaign stop.

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The Portland, Ore. rally where a bird landed on Vermont Senator and Democratic Party nomination hopeful Bernie Sanders' podium may not be the last instance where we see Sanders share the stage with a bird.

Possible Plans for Sanders

Franco Falcon could be the next feathered creature to appear side by side the senator as there is a petition going around to get Sanders to visit Cerritos College.

Former student senator Gloria Sedano is one of the students working with Political Science Professor Dennis Falcon to gather 1,000 signatures from students at the college who would want to see Sanders speak.

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"I was contacted by professor Falcon to gather some form of formal support or an invitation by students to bring Sanders to speak on campus," she said.

Sedano started a petition in which other students expressed interest in helping almost immediately, currently student government leaders are assisting her collect signatures.

According to the former student senator, signature gathering was supposed to be accomplished in a week to present at the April 20 board meeting, but it has since been decided to continue for a month to accomplish their goal of 1,000 names.

Although the visit is just a possibility, East Los Angeles College is

also interested in having the presidential hopeful visit its campus according to Sedano.

Both Professor Falcon and Sedano noted that Cerritos would be a good choice given its diverse population.

Why Cerritos

Falcon expressed, "Our college has unique aspects that make it an attractive venue for this visit."

To which Sedano added, "Cerritos would be the perfect college to bring Sanders because of our diverse campus which is home to students of nearly all races and religions."

He also added, "We have a very good chance at making it happen as long as scheduling and facilities issues match."

Falcon noted that the possible visit would "depend on so much beyond our control."

He said that this is a serious effort that is taking place in large part due to connections with people in Sanders' campaign.

The political science professor expressed that the visit is not an endorsement of the candidate as the college makes itself available as a venue to outside groups.

He expressed, "How this is controversial I don't know. Colleges and universities, public and private are common campaign stops. Our college has unique aspects that make it an attractive venue for this visit."

Falcon noted that there is small backlash to the possible visit that could pose a larger issue against an opportunity for the college.

"I am proud to be playing a part

in the planning of this event. If it comes off, it will be a chance for our students, communities, faculty and staff, to be a part of one of the most interesting campaigns in American history. How often does an opportunity like this come along?," Falcon concluded.

History May Repeat Itself

The last time Cerritos saw a candidate visit the campus was in November 1988, when Democratic Nominee Michael S. Dukakis held a rally.

Dukakis, who ran against George H.W. Bush, chose the campus because it was the focus of both presidential hopefuls due to the demographics.

Bush made a stop at nearby Heritage Park.

Men and women's tennis compete in playoff games

The women look
to break a 30
year drought

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It's been 30 years since the Cerritos College women's tennis team has won a state championship and things are looking to change.

After breezing through the playoffs, the No. 1 ranked Cerritos team has a spot in the championship against De Anza on April 20.

Head Coach Alvin Kim said, "It's been a work in progress, I've had a few good men's teams the past 12 years and we're usually a top five team, I've always envisioned winning with the men but thrilled with

the women's season.

I feel like Cerritos women's tennis is where we've worked for it to be over the past six years."

This season the women have had a run for the state championship going 24-1.

Coach Kim had not won a conference title with the women in his coaching career but this year he did, "I am very happy about winning a conference title with the women it's my first ever at this college.

"We have come very close several times but to have finally accomplish it is nice," he added.

It is no secret that his No. 1, Taylor Heath and No. 2, Anastasia Khomyachenko, players are very close in level of play, Kim sometimes switches them to give them more recruiting stats but has said Heath will be No. 1 all the way through.



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Breezing Through The Playoffs: The women's tennis team looks to win their first state championship in 30 years. They are the No. 1 ranked Cerritos team.

Men's tennis
takes on Irvine
Valley

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Intestinal fortitude is something that the Cerritos College men's tennis team does not lack.

The team takes on the mentality of its head coach Alvin Kim.

Before the season the team admitted that the one team that everybody wanted to play was defending state champion Irvine Valley.

Kim stands by his team's decision and encourages no change in mentality.

"We're the No. 2 team in the state, [we] beat every top team in the North. They were better than us, but would you prefer we avoid them next year? Print the same damn thing in the 2017 preview," he said.

Sophomore standout Agustin Lombardi felt the team might have bit off more than it could chew.

"I personally think that it was definitely closer than the first match. Even though the final score was 5-0. But yes, we were not at that level," he said.

Cerritos lost both meetings to Irvine Valley by a total score of 13-1.

Kim even admitted that the Lakers had more talent than his team both times they played even those Irvine Valley did nothing different in the two meetings.



Presentation: Dr. John Haas gave a presentation about the impact of women in northern Ireland. He explained to students what the Battle of Boyne was.

Women fight for peace in Ireland

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About 40 students attended a presentation hosted by Dr. John Haas, where he introduced the impact that women have made in Ireland as peacemakers.

On April 14, History Professor John Haas began displaying Ireland's beautiful scenery, by featuring images in power points slides.

A short video was also shown demonstrating the amount of violence that went on during 1968 to 1998, which showed the contrast between the beauty of Ireland.

Dr. Haas shared videos of three women he interviewed, and explained the reasons why these women made such an impact in Ireland during these very difficult times.

Women peacemakers included; Monica McWilliams, Bernadette Devlin and Mary Montague.

Along with other women, they helped give Northern Ireland the peace it acquired.

For Northern Ireland the biggest issue was identity, either people were Catholic or Protestants as well as either Irish or British.

Haas shared the reason why he got so interested in Northern Ireland and its violent conflicts, "I heard about Mary Montague and I wanted to get more interested in Ireland, the more I spoke to Montague the more attractive Northern Ireland was.

"I started to learn more about the history and she just opens up her world it is so amazing how respected she is. When I say respected I mean that she can easily say, John this is a police officer and they know Montague and all a sudden I am friends.

He continued, "I just got fascinated specially when I heard that women are written out of history, I see that and I feel like it is my job to remedy that."

The violence has diminished drastically after 30 years, but if anyone visits Northern Ireland today they will see the walls separating certain areas to set people

aside from each other and to basically prevent violence from happening.

Little by little these walls are coming down, like Mary Montague said "peace is a process" it does not happen from one day to the other.

The efforts are still there to make Ireland a better place.

Joseph Gustamante, paralegal major, shared his experience, "I have Dr. Haas for History 245 and I just kind remember growing up and always hearing in the news about Northern Ireland and all its conflicts but I never really knew the dialogue or knew what it was all about so it was really interesting.

"I learned a lot after the presentation, for example I did not know that the women were involved with the peace protest going in Ireland. It was really interesting to see women come together to help a big issue like this.

He continued, "One thing that is still happening everywhere really is how identity is a major

issue all over the world. It something similar to Mexican Americans,

"When you go back to Mexico you get discriminated because the community considers you to be American and when you come here you are discriminated because you are Mexican so your identity is between both nations it is a unique situation to be in, where your home country rejects you and your adopted country rejects you as well," he remarked

For history major, Veronica Rodriguez, this event opened her eyes to the segregation happening in Northern Ireland.

"I did not know much of the country at all, that was interesting to learn. I'm probably going to go buy a book on it now.

"I did not know there was so much conflict with a community that is similar in ethnicity but to have such a conflict with religion, that was pretty shocking to me," she said.

Students choose their career path



What's your major: Career counselor, Traci Ukita gives students a chance to identify with their career with a presentation.

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A vital decision everyone must make in college is choosing a major.

Career Services hosted a workshop that would help students effectively choose a major while providing an understanding of what skills each major has to offer.

The event was held on Tuesday in room BE120.

Some people know exactly what they've wanted to do since they were little, others are still unsure, and some of us think we know what we want right until the last minute.

It's okay, you are not alone. "My purpose of attending this workshop is to have a clear mind of what kind of major I want to choose and listen to ideas.

I'm in the process of choosing another major; when I started here, I was a different major," said Christopher Cotto, undecided major.

Most people end up working in areas not directly related to their major.

Some people choose a career path, get bored, and go back to school to switch majors to embark on a different concentration.

"I wish someone had told me that the concept that the choice of your major does not lock you into one particular career," Traci Ukita Career Service Counselor expressed.

If you chose a major you decide to not go with it doesn't necessarily mean you must go with it because it is all trial and error.

Most majors are non-career specific so the courses still prepare you for a wide range of career choice.

For example, if you've majored in sociology, it can prepare you to be in a career that deals with people and behaviors.

Other majors are career specific such as nursing, but you can also branch out.

For instance, instead of becoming a nurse, someone can teach nursing.

"Some work environments are not asking people to be specifically major in a field anymore," stated Clara Ross Jones, Career Service Counselor.

Another example is the CEO of the Walt Disney Company, Michael Eisner who majored in English.

"This makes sense because he would need strong communication skills," Jones said.

Places are now wanting to diversify their workforce so they are looking for people that studied different majors.

For instance, police departments are not only asking for criminal justice majors for their workforce.

This can result in an environment with people that have a variety of skills to create a stronger workforce.

Talking to people will get rid of misconceptions and thoughts about certain jobs.

"One of the majors I focused on at one point was English, but I thought the only career choice I had was to become a teacher.

I didn't explore other options, so I let my misconception take me away from majoring in English," Traci Ukita, career counselor expressed.

When it comes to assessing yourself, you should look at interests, values, personality, skills, and experience to get in-tune with yourself and help you narrow down your choices.

Below are basic characteristics you can identify yourself with:

Realistic individuals often like to work with their hands, drawn to physical activity, and not want to be cooped up in an office. They have an independent streak.

Investigative individuals are thinkers with an independent streak that lets them focus on themselves. They tend to always pinpoint problems and understand things. They are curious, analytical, and usually drawn to natural sciences.

Artistic unconventional students like to work with ideas and concepts. They want to be able to share those creative ideas. They are imaginative and have strong appreciations of arts whether it is visual or performing and are always thinking of other ways to do things.

Social students are helpers, with a true sincere desire to help people. They like to work in groups. Their work has to do with serving people and they have a sense of appreciation to create/connect with people on a deeper level.

Enterprising types of students like to lead people and are risk-takers. They are persuaders that have pretty strong leadership capabilities. They are good with communicating. These people are interested in status occupations, something to do with power. Ideal jobs would be corporate business type environments.

Conventional types of students like to primarily work with data. They are organized people that tend to value being accurate honest, practical. They're drawn to business/office type settings but not exactly in charge. Conventional people are known to just get their work done by paying close attention to details.

It is important to self evaluate yourself when it comes to finding an idea career, but if you want to take it further, there are many career assessment tests online, just Google: 'career test'.

InterACT troupe brings awareness with improv

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Thanks to the interACT troupe of CSULB, many members of the audience left the Burnight Centre Theatre with much more awareness about some social issues that affect the college community.

On April 14, InterACT, a social justice performance troupe from CSULB, performed a proactive improv show that not only had audience members up on stage, but brought up sexual assault issues.

Associate Dean of Student Health Services Dr. Hilary Menella worked with ASCC to get the troupe to perform on campus so that students get an understanding of what to do in a real life situation.

"Students go to parties and joke around with each other and have relationship issues[...] It's good to put students in a real life situation about how they would intervene and ask them their thoughts," said Menella.

Grabbing the audience and putting them in a real life situation is exactly what the troupe did

with its show.

The performance consisted of a group of young adults, two of whom were in a relationship together, that helped the audience to understand the process of how to spot signs of sexually abusive relationships, how the survivors feel and how to effectively intervene.

As the actors went through the two scenes, one being before and after, they set up a scenario where a friend may have been able to notice the possibility of abuse.

At the end, audience members were called up on stage to try and intervene as the friend in the scene.

With the help of proctors who went more in depth about sexual trauma in-between scenes, the performance also went through the best way to help a survivor who has been sexually assaulted.

Menella said, "I think it is a misconception that just because a significant other forces themselves on you, it's not considered rape when in fact it is."

While this is the first time interACT makes an appearance at Cerritos College, Menella hopes to invite the troupe back in the near future.

"We would like to bring them [the group] back in the fall and would like to have bigger groups. I think we'd have a bigger turnout in the Fall," she said.

The interACT troupe focuses on making sure performances can include the audience as much as possible.

Many students, such as child development major Jennifer Gray, left the show with a greater understanding on the importance of doing something rather than nothing.

"I think it teaches people to stand up for others[...] I think that this would help resolve a lot of the issues on a college campus," said Gray.

Gray was also one of the many members of the audience who went on stage for a chance to act out an intervention.

"It was actually fun and from the experience I learned a lot of stuff," she stated.

After the show was over, those who attended filled out surveys about sexual assault while Student Health Services set up booths outside with food and information.

Menella also stressed that students are always welcome to Student Health Services if they need help with finding resources.



At the fair: Financial Aid Technician Jenny Mejia helps students at the Financial Aid Fair. The Financial Aid Fair will return on April 26.

Financial Aid Fair informs students

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The Cerritos College Financial Aid Department drew crowds of students as it hosted The Financial Aid Fair that gave out candy, gift cards, snacks and insight of the financial aid process.

Two fairs were held on April 13, and April 19. Another fair will also take place next week on April 26.

Financial Aid Technician Jenny Mejia said that there are many important deadlines coming up and it is important for students to keep up to date on the documents they need in order to successfully apply for financial aid.

“What we like to do is promote the word to students to get in all their documents for the new upcoming financial aid year.

“In this case, we’re promoting the 2016-2017 school year and in order for them [students] to be qualified and have their money ready for fall, they need to have all their documents in by the end of this month,” Mejia said.

Students were greeted by faculty and staff who were there to assist with any questions regarding the financial aid process.

Those who participated in the fair were asked to go through the booths in order by station and at the end are given a ticket which entitled participants to food, drinks and prizes.

Stations gradually took the students through the financial aid process where the students are reminded of important deadlines and what documents are needed.

Stations also had students check their MyCerritos to-do list for any tasks that need to be done accordingly.

The last station gave students more information about the recent changes in financial aid.

Mejia said that one of the important changes was that if students have two consecutive semesters of

academic probation, the fee waiver for classes will be withdrawn.

This is in order to get students qualified in time so that they can start receiving financial support by the start of the fall semester.

Many students, such as vice president elect Enrique Rodriguez, believe that these events offer a lot to students but should be done more around campus.

“Financial Aid is great. This is a good promotion, but I think this fair needs to be done a lot more around campus,” Rodriguez said.

“Especially around cosmetology, being that cosmetology and the Health Science building, retail pharmacy and all of the departments [in that area] are getting ignored, cause this is what I’m hearing,” he stated.

“I think this is an awesome event, I’m pretty sure the outcome is going to [be evident] in the numbers but like I said it needs to be not just here but in another sub station

“[...] Because there are a lot of students that don’t want to come here because they only have 15 minute breaks and through out that whole campus it’s like almost 20 minutes for some students.”

No matter what, he expressed, that the event was amazing.

This was the first time that this event has been hosted by the drop-off zone in front of the Admissions Quad.

Mejia hopes that the new location will draw in more students.

Scan to watch Financial Aid Fair video

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



Is That A “Yes?”: District Attorney Brian Soo-hoo gives a presentation on sexual awareness. This lecture is all part of sexual assault awareness month.

Students discuss sexual assault

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Cerritos College Police Chief Tom Gallivan, says it’s important for students to be aware of sexual assault.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Cerritos College hosted a FAQ session with Deputy District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles Brian Soo-Hoo on April 13.

“Knowledge is power, not a lot of people are exposed to this type of activity so it’s important for people to be aware it does occur and it will help keep them out of possibly dangerous situations. Just being aware about what does happen out there,” Gallivan said.

During the FAQ, Soo-Hoo went over different sexual assaults, consent and how it affects the victims.

Most of the sexual assault cases that are seen are perpetrated by people who know the victim.

Almost 50 percent of these acquaintance rapes involve alcohol, which can induce bad decision and aggressiveness.

90 percent of rape victims are under the age of thirty.

There are several different times that sex crimes including rape, sexual battery and sex acts with a minor (statutory rape), or kidnapping to commit sex crimes.

When it comes to rape the slightest penetration can be considered and ejaculation is not required.

These acts are all illegal.

Consent is when a positive agreement is given to someone.

Just because someone is requesting a form of birth control, or you are dating a person, doesn’t mean that consent is given.

Signs of intoxication, slurring words, vomiting, staggering or loss of coordination, doesn’t give a person a good state of mind to give consent.

According to ageofconsent.us the age of consent in the United States falls between 16 and 18.

Flirting, a outfit worn, or the amount a person has been drinking are never factors of why a person is sexually assaulted. The rapist is always at fault.

Common reaction after being sexually assaulted for women includes delayed or failure to report, denial, personal blame and shame, or loss of trust (self/others).

In men, they fear they won’t be believed or blamed, shame, self-doubt, and their masculinity and sexual identity being questioned.

If you have been sexually assaulted it’s important to know you are not alone.

Soo-Hoo stated, “The worst possible thing to do is to sit on it and not report it.

“The importance of reporting a sex crime even if you decided later [is important because if its documented and] the [person] does it again it’s on record and we’re going to find it.”

Active shooter preparation is coming

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For students on campus, today is just like every other day.

The routine is class, lunch, class, then library for some studying.

As students go about their normal day, an alert from campus police regarding an active shooter is sent out.

What do students do now?

The reality is, occurrences like this don’t happen everyday in our personal lives, so most people don’t think twice about it even though we hear about it in the news.

In February, there were two shootings back-to-back that happened at the plaza directly across campus.

Although the crime did not happen on campus, nor involved Cerritos College students or staff, it still raised the issue of campus safety regarding shootings.

On April 21, there will be a campus safety forum to provide training.

Campus Police, Student Health and Wellness, Student Services and Human Resources will be involved in presenting resources for the campus community.

Chief of Police Tom Galivan has been, and is currently involved in more campus safety training initiatives.

He said, “I’ve personally gone out to several division and department meetings involving staff and faculty and did presentations on active shooter training.

“We’ve had three campus safety forums where we did active shooter training and campus safety open to faculty and students.”

He expressed that, “Everybody should be aware of personal safety but we’re all busy so unless it happens, people don’t think about it.

“Our challenge has always been reaching out and how to get the word out.”

There was also a campus safety presentation on April 6.

Lupe Naranjo, epidemiology major said, “The shootings happened outside of campus so I think no one felt in danger, but I think if there was a shooter on campus, no one would feel prepared.”

Another student, Phaleap Pheakdey, aerospace engineering major said, “I feel pretty safe because the shootings happened outside of campus and nothing ever happened here.”

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Cerritos College Student Veterans Military Ball 2016

April 30, 6:00 P.M. – Midnight
For more information: Veterans Resource Center (562)-860-2451 Ext 3716
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Third Annual Dynamic Dance Club Show

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The meaning of family: After a rapping/ ukulele performance, Culberson and Maiava start to discuss their future in music. This is a relatively small portion of the hillside group. “With what we do in our lives, a lot of people are going to mess with us,” he said. KRISTOPHER CARRASCO/TM

Voices of the hill speak out

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On the Cerritos College campus, there are a lot of different hang-out spots for a variety of different people. If you like to dance, join the dancers on stage at the Student Center; If you like gaming, you can hang out with the card/video gamers in the cafeteria. There’s a bunch of clubs and cliques on campus that house very diverse interests. However, where do you go if your diverse interest is marijuana?

There are groups of people on campus that hang out at the hill by the Falcon Square Amphitheater that have become known by many for one thing, smoking marijuana on campus. Although a common interest, the use of marijuana at the hillside group, as referred to by students in the area, has mislabeled a number of students as the “pot-head community” on campus. “Yeah, I’ve heard that they smoke there,” said engineering major Freddy Tolleto. “I mean, If [they] want to smoke and stuff, that’s fine, but you can’t make it that location, they need a different one. “Obviously, you can’t do it on campus[...].getting in trouble for that can be really bad. If you smoke weed, you smoke weed and that’s fine, it’s all in an individual’s own perspective.” Tolleto said. Tolleto says that he isn’t against people who smoke marijuana, but that the school should do more to control it before it gets out of hand. According to the Cerritos College 2015 Annual Se-

curity Report, there have been 10 drug related arrests on campus from 2012-2014. The people who relax at the hill on a regular basis are mostly Cerritos College students who are in between classes. This is not a green light for students to smoke marijuana on campus. While there are many students like Tolleto who have heard the rumors about marijuana at the hill, former



Breaking the Stigma: Undecided major Aaron Lorde meets up with Commercial music major Jair Culberson and other friends once class is over. The group was catching up after a long day go school according to Lorde. KRISTOPHER CARRASCO/TM

student Iese Maiava, who was even referred to as ‘King of the Hill’, feels that the community has a misconception of the people there. “We don’t see ourselves as what they proclaim us to be. We see ourselves as a group of students who like to enjoy a good time with music. Yeah we smoke weed, but not on this campus,” Maiava said. “Call us what you want to calls us; that’s not who we are. We make more of a hill side type of family where you can come be yourself,” he continued. Maiava mentioned that the group is so big and close that he likes to see them all as one big family. Maiava also mentioned that even former students from Cerritos College return to hang out at the hill. He said that he welcomes anyone to come by and hang out because in the past, he’s had people such as athletes and other music students admit to being intimidated at first due to the rumors. “We hear from football players sometimes ‘Oh! We thought you guys were weirdos’ and I would say ‘ What’s so weird about a group just hanging out?’” The biggest value that the diverse group shares happens to be music. A lot of the friends there like to play music out loud as a way to relax and a way to bond. “They’ll talk whatever they’ll talk about us, but at the end of the day, we don’t care. “This is all we do, hang out and play music. We don’t try to bother anyone that walks

by.” People walk up here and feel like it’s a spot to smoke and nobody messes with [those people]. “With what we do in our lives, a lot of people are going to mess with us,” he said. Where does one draw the line between a group on campus, and illegal activity? Other members of the clique feel that the hill shouldn’t be labeled as a place for potheads, but as a place for aspiring music students. Jair Culberson, commercial music major, says that their friendship isn’t even based on marijuana, but based on the music. “I think from outside it’s kind of hard to understand. When all a student hears and sees is ‘oh these kids are smoking weed’ that’s all they learn to see,” Culberson said. “They carve this false perception of us messing up[...]we’re here, we’re honor students, we’re playing sports, we’re just all really good people here of all types.” According to Culberson, everyone comes from a different background and story, but although each person is unique, everyone is still really close. Both Maiava and Culberson have acknowledged that a lot of people who come to the hill are students who are well on their way to success. “We know what we like to do and what we need to do here, and if nobody likes us, well then sorry,” Maiava said. Disclaimer: This article does not condone or encourage the illicit use of drugs or illegal activity. Furthermore, we remind our readers that marijuana is an offense under Federal law.

Lanez: Breakout artist

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People always say all publicity is good publicity right? Breakout star Tory Lanez has hit the scene and rubbed some artists the wrong way. Some including Toronto’s own famous hip-hop rapper Drake (Drizzy). Criminal justice major Demetrius Thomas said, “I think Meek Mill got Drake kind of like that, but I’m not really sure. But I think he’s just out here [looking for a problem] to keep it real.” In his song “Summer Sixteen,” Drizzy states a line that says, “All you kids from the new Toronto want to be me a little.” Some thought it was a jab toward Lanez, who is also from Toronto, Canada. The assumption became reality as Lanez sported a “The New Toronto” shirt in his “LA Confidential” music video. Also, the video came out the day before Drake released his track dissing him. Lanez has gone on record saying that he has no problem with Drake.

Lanez traded Twitter words with Cash Money artist, Jacquees, after claiming to be a better artist than him. Despite the many bold opinions on him, Lanez does not seem to be bothered as he continues to make music. Lanez hit the scene in early 2015 with his single “Say It.” His single played across popular radio stations like Power 105.9 and Real 92.3. Although his song grew in popularity, and was his only single played, he has yet to release another fan favorite on the radio waves. In comparison to fellow breakout artist, Bryson Tiller, who has had much success with his album release, Lanez is still lacking to work his way up higher within in the industry. Before his rise to fame, Lanez had trouble with staying out of the courtroom. According to hiphopdx.com, he attributes being homeless at the age of 14 to the reason he endured four court cases. Despite his turmoil, he has been a frequent fan favorite among this generation of college students. Psychology major Chyann Richard said, “Ev-

erybody tries to be different. I feel like his style is completely different and its inspirational.” Lanez doesn’t feel like his music can be compared to anybody else’s. He calls his style of music “swavey.” In his words he is an artist that fuses, rap, singing and even rock, he wants to be known as multi-talented. Despite making the biggest splash of his career recently, Lanez has been hard at work for some time now. He has released 15 mixtapes since 2009. Music is not the only thing Lanez has his fingerprints on, as he owns multiple clothing stores in his hometown of Toronto. Richard said, “Knowing that, now it just makes him look like a much better person. Even in his altercation with Drake, it wasn’t even an altercation because he said he didn’t have a problem with Drake. He just has respect for himself and other people as he is trying to come up, it’s inspirational.” With so much going for him at the young age of 23, Lanez seems to be looking toward the future and it seems bright. Lanez appears to be on the rise as the next big artist.



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Model UN Club relive history

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“There’s 20 of you and we haven’t found one rat in three days,” The Commission’s Chair Shankar Chelliah shouted across the hotel conference room.

Chelliah was one of the many proctors who took part in LAMUN, a Model United Nations conference put on by UCLA, from Thursday to Sunday, in which Cerritos College took part.

Colleges such as UC Berkeley, and University of Southern California participated, making Cerritos one of the few community colleges in attendance.

The “rat” Chelliah was referring to was one of the assigned students who participated in this simulation, which focused on the American Mafia made up of the New York Five Families’ bosses starting in 1933.

Cerritos College’s Head Delegate Bianca Salgado and Jerry Reynoso participated in this committee as Frank Costello and Stefano Magaddino, a Sicilian mafioso who became the boss of the Buffalo crime family.

Like The Commission other committees were held inside the Hilton Hotel in Universal City.

New York 1980, focused on the genesis of the human immunodeficiency virus (AIDS) and the misrepresentation of gay men in that decade as the disease spread.

Political Science major Karen Guzman, who has attended other Model United Nations conferences participated in the dynamic committee.

She expressed that not only did the delegates focus on how the virus came about and how it spread, but



Crisis Committee: Cerritos Model UN Head Delegate Bianca Salgado, left, in the role of Stefano Magaddino and Jerry Reynoso, right, as Frank Costello in the The Commission Committee at LAMUN. The conference took place at the Hilton in Universal City.

they also talked about how to resolve issues behind the subject, and how to have President Reagan in office, from 1981 to 1989, acknowledge the issue.

“I learned to go in with an open mind and not take things personal. You’re playing a role and representing [either] a country or a leader and you bring out that character’s accomplishments and failures to make it real and play out history one more time,” Guzman said.

“[...] These conferences shaped me to learn so much about not just our country but issues around the world.”

New York 1980, culminated in a lesbian couple sharing a kiss and

announcing that they would combat AIDS together.

On the general assembly front, The Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) was



Communicating in secret: The delegates used notes to pass around to each other. They used the torn pieces of paper as means of communication.

one of the most populated committees, where few seats were left empty in the middle section of Ballroom A.

DISEC included all members of the United Nations and it discussed drug cartels in Latin America and the trafficking of small arms.

For two days and a half, the committee focused on the weapon flow from North America to Latin America and how the trafficking of weapons invites violence and disintegration of law in Latin America.

Cerritos had the most participants in DISEC, with six participants in dual delegations representing countries like Germany,

and Switzerland.

Countries took their turn to present resolutions indicating what they recommended to bring stability to the affected countries.

For Veronica Recinos, a business woman, it was her first time participating in this committee and the conference.

Recinos said “For me because I am a business person, the structure of how this is put together was something amazing.”

Likewise, Guzman stated, “[...] Model United Nations has been one of the greatest things I’ve accomplished in college.”

A different point of view

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The Philosophy Club held an event exploring the stigma attached to therapy and the greatness of psychologist Carl Rodgers on April 12.

The event was presented by Timothy Chatman.

He showed students a video of Rodgers’ techniques.

In the video, Rodgers pulled back layers of clients so they could find out answers for themselves.

Juan Pineda, philosophy major said, “I thought the video was helpful [...] Writing things down on a paper really helps me out.”

Throughout the video, Chatman stopped it to allow students to talk about their thoughts.

Kayla Fonseca, administration justice major, chimed in and said, “I enjoyed the video [...] We got to see a different view than the stereotypical view we see on television.”

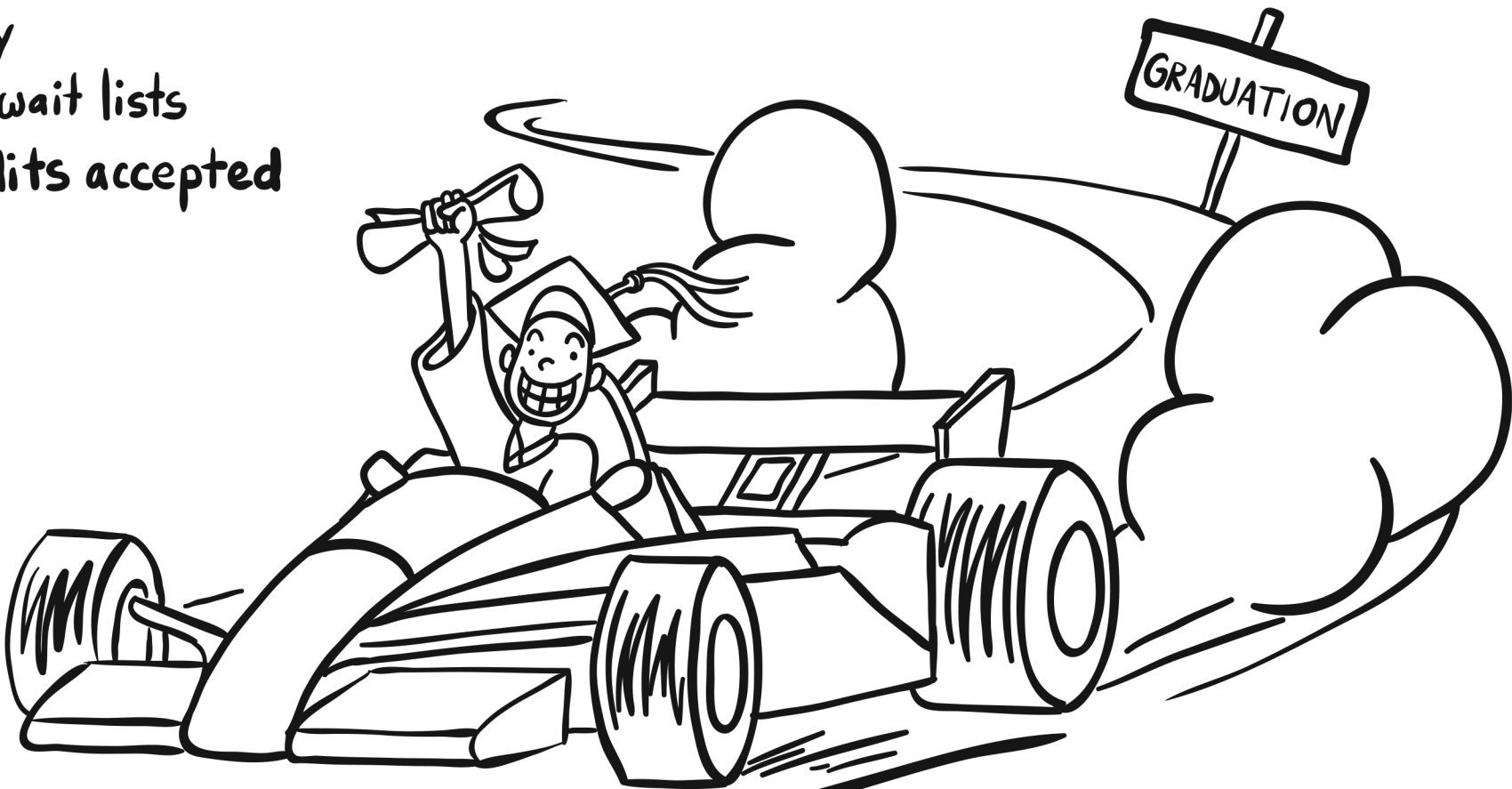
Chatman discussed what he wanted students to gain from this event.

“We wanted to expose students to psychology, philosophy, and therapy and what it can offer people[...] We also wanted to address and reduce discomfort on talking about personal issues.” He said

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EDITORIAL



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Sweeping the leaves

Yes, it's time talk about everyone's favorite schedule one drug, marijuana.

The issue at hand? People smoking weed on campus.

Whether the Cerritos College community acknowledges it or not, which it doesn't, people are hooking up with Mary Jane all over campus.

While this doesn't necessarily cause any harm to anybody and people have a right to do what they want to do, it's still important to recognize the fact that this takes place on campus.

People smell weed as they walk by the Business Administration building, the parking lots and especially by the amphitheater hill which so happens to be located directly in front of the Student Activities office.

The issue isn't whether or not weed is good or bad, it's about the fact that marijuana is still federally illegal which means that when students smoke weed on campus, or in public in general, they put themselves and those around them at risk of getting in trouble with the law.

While the legal system, especially in California, is more lenient with the use of marijuana these days, it's still better to be safe than sorry.

Campus police does in fact receive calls about marijuana use on campus, such as at the hill, and responds accordingly.

Others seem to turn a blind eye to those who smoke weed on campus, but why?

It looks as though the school is not

fully aware of the issue because it really isn't causing any harm.

In fact, according to our campus' Annual Security Report there have only been 10 arrests of marijuana related charges on campus from 2012 to 2014.

The rumors about the "potheads" on the hill still continue because the campus community seems to be sweeping this issue under the rug, taking the students along with it.

The problem is that when you ignore an issue that involves small clusters in the college community, you inadvertently start to ignore the students who are part of those clusters.

Some of the hillside students on campus feel that while the community doesn't bother them for congregating, the community has done little to welcome the students.

It would be a shame for students to not feel like a part of the Cerritos College community because of their interests in marijuana culture.

If students don't feel welcomed, students will be less inclined to even finish their academic goals.

Over the last decade, marijuana has become such a mainstream part of Southern California culture that it's strange to witness the effects of the stigma on campus.

Even though there is still a huge stigma with marijuana, the students who smoke weed on campus are students first and should be welcomed as such.

Those who are smoking in public

are also being as disrespectful to those around them.

While many can see marijuana being legal in the states within the next few years, America is not yet ready to accept weed with open arms.

Smoking weed on campus causes more problems than anything else, and like anything of nature should be done at the appropriate settings.

Replace the idea of smoking with drinking, would people be as open to the idea and ignore it?

Eventually, what's to stop anybody from coming onto this public campus to start smoking or drinking?

First it's smoking on campus, then it's drinking and before you know it, we'll have students passed out in public.

Not because marijuana is a gateway drug, or anything of the sort, but because the school is unintentionally giving people, not only students of this campus, an open spot to smoke weed.

This can pose safety concerns or overall health concerns from students who may not be informed about the effects of marijuana.

While students feel comfortable on campus smoking weed, many students may very well feel uncomfortable with the idea of it.

There needs to be much more of an acknowledgement of the fact that people are smoking weed on campus, because there is a huge lack of respect from both sides.

Disclaimer: This editorial does not condone or encourage the illicit use of drugs or illegal activity. Furthermore, we remind our readers that marijuana is an offense under Federal Law.

Access to birth control too easy

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Women of all ages should not have access to birth control pills without a prescription.

With no demand of a prescription for contraceptives, it will allow teenagers to have a quick and easy access to this method.

This can cause teenagers to become sexually active at an earlier age, because they will feel comfort in knowing that they have access to birth control.

The pill is only a method to avoid pregnancy, however it does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases.

Women, and more specifically teenagers, who lack knowledge on the function of contraceptives might assume that they will prevent STD's.

A doctor needs to run medical exams in order to know which birth control would be the most effective for the individual.

These pills have effects that women aren't aware. If they just go and buy the pills they may not know the consequences that these pills can cause to them.

Women should seek a doctor to tell

them all the effects because some of them that can or can't come written on the pills box. Women need to know what changes their bodies will go through.

Pills should be prescribed by a doctor because women need to know the effects and the right methods for their body.

Without a prescription, women will buy the pill without any idea if what they are getting is truly the best option for them.

Many teenagers have little to no knowledge about contraceptives, and now they can essentially get birth control pills off the counter and expose themselves to misusing the product.

Instead of eliminating the need for prescriptions, the government should implement classes on different birth control options including the pill.

Teenagers have to be informed in order to prevent them from getting pregnant at a young age, but both men and women should be educated on sex.

Men and women should be educated on sex because it is their responsibility.

As a couple they should decide when they are going to have kids.

Right steps taken to access birth control

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As of April, women in California now have access to birth control without a prescription and that is not only empowering but a step in the right direction.

Women no longer have to make appointments or wait in the often too cold lobbies in hopes of meeting with a doctor to get a piece of paper that will in turn open the doors to something that they should openly get.

The wait and the sometimes booked physician's offices may come in between a woman's ability to obtain birth control.

Without a woman's choice of contraceptive, she is stripped of her autonomy to control birth or STD prevention, leaving the responsibility solely on her partner.

This not only leaves one person responsible for birth and STD

prevention, but may increase the chances of unplanned pregnancies if no birth control method is used.

The passing of the law is supposed to get rid of just that.

The easier the access to birth control, the more it will be used and that doesn't necessarily sound like a bad idea.

The form of birth control that women can obtain at pharmacies include the pill, patch, injections and vaginal rings.

A pharmacist will assist women by administering a screening to help determine if they are healthy enough to get birth control before visiting a physician first.

There is currently no minimum age to request birth control in California, which with the new law could open avenues for girls and women who are sexually active to practice safe sex at any age and it helps to reduce unwanted pregnancies.

What should also be imple-

mented to accompany this law is better and earlier sex education.

Education at an earlier stage in children's lives will help the next generation learn and have safe practices when it comes to sex.

Teenagers would not only be taught at an early age that sex at times comes with emotional consequences, but give them the freedom of choice to safely engage if they chose to do so.

The goal here is to teach women and girls about their right to choose and do away with the social stigma that accompanies women with a healthy sex life and welcome safe intercourse.

The goal is also to diminish the amount of unwanted pregnancies at any age.

The sole notion that women have the freedom to walk into a pharmacy and pick up their desired form of contraceptive is a fantastic and progressive step.

The next stride lies in free contraceptives for all and the improvement of sex education to facilitate healthy practices for both men and women.

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FREE SPEECH ZONE

What have you posted on social media?

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MAX REYNOSO
Engineering major

"I think the most embarrassing thing would be when my dad followed me on Twitter."

SHONNELL HOYT
Communications major

"I posted a basketball video of myself working on some moves but I missed the layup. The moves were tight though."

BLAIR RUCKER
Music major

"I've never really posted embarrassing things on social media. The only things I post is something about my life or something that is occurring in life that I may not agree with."

JESSE PEREZ
Animation game design major

"Nothing. Probably taking off my shirt but I'm not embarrassed about that."

ESTEBAN RAMIREZ
Culinary arts major

"I posted a selfie of myself in my underwear. I removed it because it was kind of weird."

30 years later, women's tennis advances to state championship

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"It feels great to be a part of a historical team, we are very excited about going to state," Heath said.

Heath who is 22-6 this season in singles, actually lost her match in the finals to get to state.

"Taylor split COD's No. 1 both going three sets, but a 6-4, 6-4 game is pretty close," Kim stated.

Heath and Khomyachenko are doubles partners with the record 13-7, lost their doubles match as well.

"Me and Anastasia are not doubles players so we know we struggle in that area but the rest of the team does great with singles and doubles which it practices everyday," said Heath about her loss.

Kim couldn't agree more with Heath adding, "Doubles has been unnatural and uncomfortable for those two, they try but it just doesn't flow the way a good team should."

But between his two top players his most outstanding player is Danielle Pastor who is 23-1.

"If I had to pick just one woman, and it's hard to just pick one, I would

say Pastor because she was supposed to start the season off the bench, she currently has just one loss and has been very critical to our team's success," Kim said.

The women are now looking forward to play De Anza in the State Championship.

"We were preparing for Fresno, but De Anza got hot in the playoffs, it'll be close, all championship matches are," Kim expressed.

Heath is just excited to be going, "I'm just excited to be at the championship with my girls and experience such a formal event."

Although the women's season is one loss away from having a perfect season coach Kim said that doesn't really mean much, "A perfect season ends with a state title, I'd trade 20 losses for one."

The state championship is April 20 at 1 p.m.



In the swing of things: The women's tennis team was all smiles after its win against College of the Desert at the Southern California team state playoffs. This will be the first time in 30 years that they will participate in the state championship.

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Out of bounds: The men's tennis team celebrates after a win at Ventura. Unfortunately, the team just missed a chance to compete in a state championship after a loss against defending state champions Irvine Valley College.

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Men's tennis chances at state fade away

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Lombardi felt a big reason for the losses to Irvine Valley were mental.

"[Irvine Valley] has a very particular cheering system [so], if you are not mentally strong enough they are able to mess with your head. They scream all match," he said.

According to Lombardi the team played better during singles as opposed to doubles competition.

"They played better in doubles than we did so, they got three points from the beginning. After that, in singles play we were closer but they ended up getting the remaining two points for the win," he admitted.

During the season Kim admitted that he felt his team was better at singles and it was "terrible" at doubles.

"I say that because I pride myself on being a better doubles teacher and the international [players] did not learn the proper techniques growing up so it's been slow going but we'll get better," Kim said in a previous interview.

However, one takeaway from the season is the Lasers were the only community college team to beat the Falcons all season long.

"We won 24 matches in a single season with

four losses. Two were to top-10 division III teams and the other two to the same team," Kim said.

Cerritos lost matches to Case Western Reserve (OH) University and Amherst (MA) College by a combined eight points.

Both losses came within two weeks of each other as the team continued to coast against the rest of the competition.

Of the 24 wins on the season 14 were shutouts for the Falcons.

One thing that stands out in Kim's mind and he can take into the next season is the fact that his team beat Ventura twice in the same season.

The men's tennis team has never won a state championship but Kim does not let that lower his nor his team's morale as it heads into the off-season.

"We've never gotten to the Southern California Championships before, the last time was probably 30 years ago. Next year, anything less than a state title will be a let down."

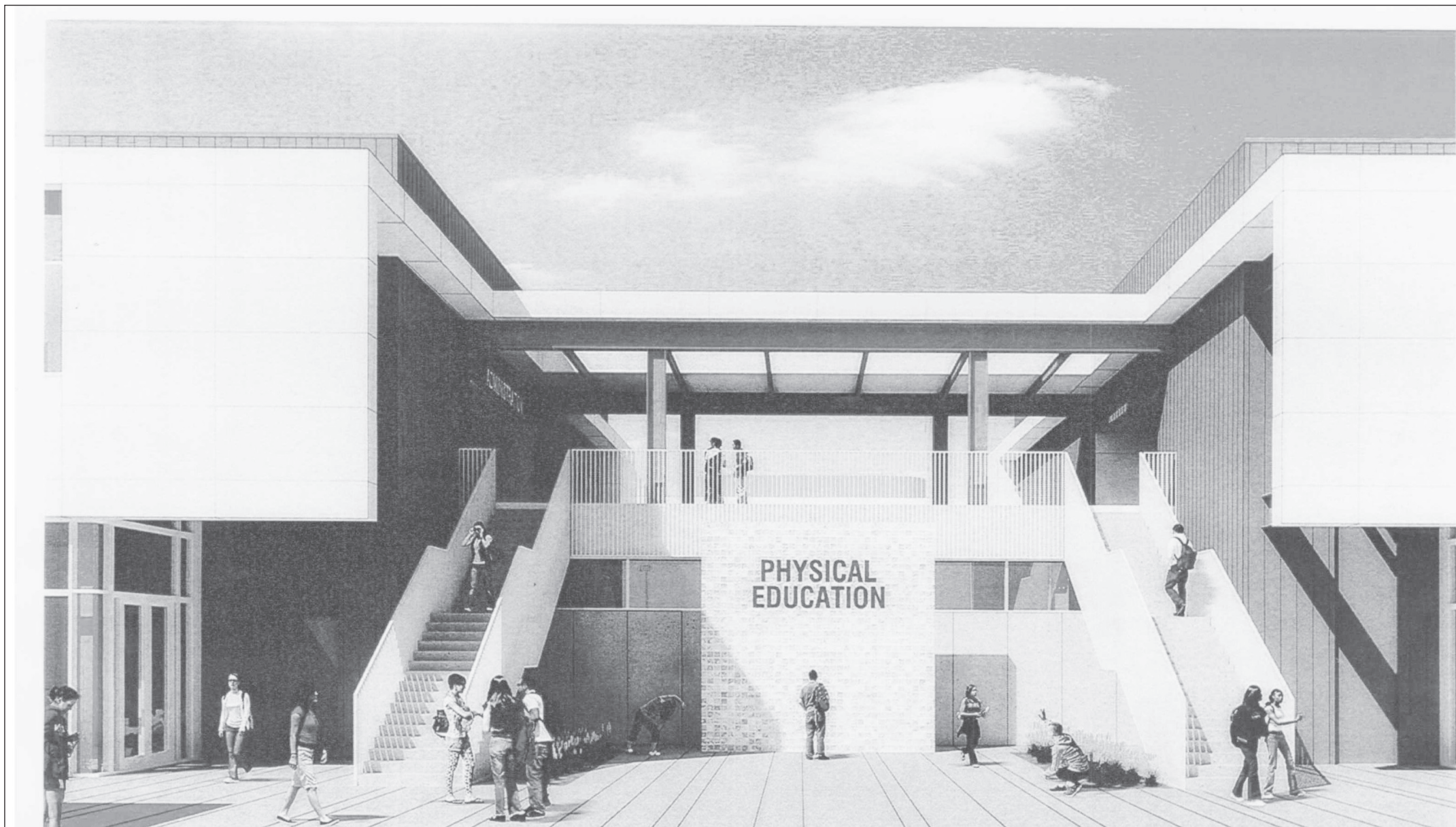


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Changes coming to Cerritos: Another project from the 2011 Facility Master Plan is believed to go into effect in December of this year. The construction will be completed in two phases and will take almost two years of work to finish but it is expected to be open January of 2019.

New complex coming to Cerritos College

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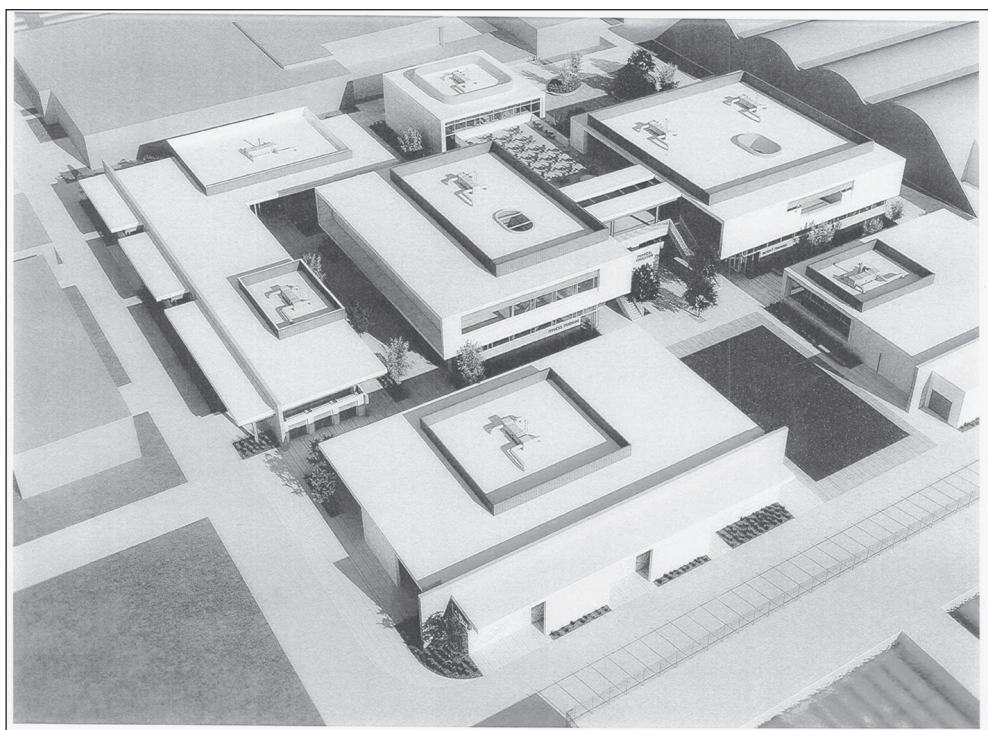


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Bird's eye view: This is the top view from the proposed Health and Wellness Center. The building will include new Dance and Fitness building (top left), Hall of Fame building (top right), new Physical Education building (middle right), Athletic Team Rooms (bottom left), and a new Health Services building (bottom right).

The campus has become a maze with all the detour signs but soon, there will be a bright new building in the middle of campus.

The new Health and Wellness Complex is coming soon to Cerritos after first being mentioned in the 2011 Master Plan.

It will occupy the two grass patches behind the food court and in front of the original Physical Education Department.

According to Director of Physical Plant and Construction Services David Moore, the building will have multiple different features.

"The complex is being designed to meet the criteria for Leadership in Energy Efficiency and Design certification. It will be functioning as the home base for all athletic and physical education activities.

"It will provide a much needed expansion of laboratory, classroom, office and support spaces tailored to the specialized needs of the robust physical education and athletics programs of the college," he said.

A new cardio fitness room, weight room and PE adaptive fitness room will be built as well in the surrounding areas.

The new adaptive fitness room was something that Athletic Director Dan Clauss felt the school needed.

"It's going to meet a very important need because we don't have the facilities to service the adapted students across our campus," said Clauss.

The building will take some time to build as it will begin construction December of this year and is not expected to be completed until January 2019.

"The program for the new complex will be delivered in two phases, allowing the continued use of the existing Physical Education Building during the early phases of construction," said Moore.

The new building will have many different aspects as it will include the physical education, fitness, dance and Hall of Fame all in one building.

Many of the features are going to be used as multi-purpose rooms as well that can host classrooms and even team banquets.

Those are all to be completed during phase one of the construction set to be complete January 2018.

Phase two of the construction process will include the building of the new Student Health Center, individual team room building and general site improvements.

The expectations are high for the new complex and Clauss is very confident in the building to come.

"We're probably going to have one of the nicest facilities in the state once it's built," he said.

Kinesiology majors thrive on campus

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According to a poll taken in Fall of 2014, 243 students at Cerritos College claimed their declared major was kinesiology.

Dean of Instructional Effectiveness Research Planning, Kristi Blackburn said that a new poll is in the works.

Kinesiology is the scientific study of human or non-human body movement. It also addresses physiological, biochemical, and psychological mechanisms.

Dean of Health Education, Dance and Athletics Dr. Dan Smith feels that number is telling of all the story.

"That is a lower number than it actually is. A lot of our students wait until they are ready to declare before choosing a major. Problem is, if they don't declare they are not listed as kinesiology majors," he explained.

According to Smith there is a plethora of

lucrative jobs in the field of kinesiology simply because it is such a broad topic.

"A lot of people want a kinesiology degree and then apply to physical therapy school that's a very common route. Different types of people get into medical fields and of course the traditional physical education or health education fields," he said.

According to Smith, he does not feel that many athletes are majoring in kinesiology.

"I don't think we have all that many athletes majoring in kinesiology, in fact I'm kind of surprised there aren't more," Smith said.

Kinesiology major Veronica McCaughan feels differently, being a former player herself.

"I think because in sports you have to understand your body so if you're taking a lot of these classes you learn more about what you're doing and how you're doing it," she said.

With her playing days behind her McCaughan turned her attention toward ath-

letic training.

She feels as though every athletic trainer's dream job is the same.

"Working for a professional team I think is every athletic trainer's goal," she admitted.

McCaughan was first introduced to kinesiology at a young age yet she did not know she was being introduced to it but she has received extensive help on campus from the athletic trainers.

"Brian [Cable] and Maria [Castro] help so much. They really do help you and guide you. They push you, tell you what you need and help you through it," she said.

The college offers a multitude of different classes in order for a student to earn his or her degree.

Smith said, "Our classes are as good as any university's, if not better. A lot of our people are in our athletic trainers aid certificate program they may also be trying to get their degree in kinesiology and get their ADT. And what they want is to transfer into one of the

good athletic training [universities]."

It's more than just kinesiology related classes at Cerritos College, students interested in the field also have a chance to learn on the job under professional athletic trainers Brian Cable and Maria Castro.

With the Cerritos College kinesiology program continuing to grow other schools are starting to take notice.

Smith said, "I just had a chair of San Bernardino tell me the other day, that one of our classes is a very strong class and he thinks so much of it that it's an upper division class at his school. Typically, four-year universities are not going to accept one of our classes as an upper division in fact it can't transfer.

"He said he felt so strongly about it that he did what is called a substitution. He substituted one of our classes for one of their classes there."