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Trustees discuss religion

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Trustee member Zurich Lewis proposed that the Board of Trustees start every meeting with an invocation, during the Sept. 2 board meeting.

An invocation is a call for wisdom or call to authority. In this case it would not be religious.

"We [would be] supporting the college by blessing this meeting, on a legal basis," he said.

Lewis mentioned that he had gotten the idea after attending a Downey City Council meeting, where an invocation was performed.

He added that invocations were legal, granted that they follow certain guidelines as per the Rubin Decision, such as not being able to disparage or advance specific religions through tone, tenor or content, or refer to specific deities or phrases.

According to Mario A. Guerra, retired Downey mayor and Downey police chaplain, it's not about religion it's about asking for wisdom to do a good job.

"It's also a way to be inclusive [...] and we don't want to promote any specific religion," he said.

David Fabish, dean of liberal arts, however, opposed the idea.

"I opposed this idea because this is a secular place of academia and it's not common practice, at best it will make many people uncomfortable."

Fabish added that for some people religion is a place of healing and other positive emotions, but that to others, religion may carry negative emotions.

During the meeting he expressed his concerns stating that Cerritos College was a secular sanctuary where you didn't have to worry about your beliefs or anyone else's.

Lewis however stated, "We are religious people and we [as a board] should reflect this."

Fabish added that it would be better to leave such arguments at the threshold of the professional environment and avoid any situation that could be avoided.

Victor Villalobos, student trustee, said, "[...] I would like to know what the students want and that's why I have requested for the members of the student senate to discuss this.

I would take it back to the board so that they may take the students wishes into consideration when making their final decision," he said.

MAKING MATH COUNT

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Besides FAFSA telling students their money didn't go through, nothing scares college students more than math.

According to Angela Conley, department chair of science, engineering and math (SEM), "Student mindset, when it comes to mathematics is negative, at Cerritos College, it is trying to create a positive mindset, an optimistic mindset, as far as mathematics goes helping students realize that it doesn't matter what professor you have [...] it doesn't mean you're going to fail it."

She added that there has been a negative spotlight that has been placed on the subject of math and she thinks that is the cause as to why math is seen as the villain to college success.

An analogy for the issue she got from a math professor says, it is almost embarrassing to declare one is illiterate, people try to hide that fact as much as they can; however, if one is to say they cannot do math, people agree and find it okay if someone struggles in math.

She said, "Math is a perishable skill, if you don't work it, you won't keep it."

Desiree Rodriguez, math learning center tutor, is constantly talking and working one-on-one with students.

She said, "[Students] are not familiar with math vocabulary and it gives them a lot of problems with word problems and that's a big challenge in early mathematics."

She added that writing multiplication problems down and counting on fingers is acceptable to do.

According to professor Mark Huguen, mathematics is a language that is universal.

He said, "People will acknowledge the fact that they can't do math, but they won't acknowledge they have trouble reading, for example."

Huguen said, "Math is a language, it's not a natural language, it's one you have to learn, you have to learn the letters, the numbers and know the relationships they have with each other."



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Athletes stack senate

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Years ago student athletes used to be a big part of ASCC Senate, but over the past couple of years student athletes have been nonexistent. That all changed this fall as 11 student athletes got elected into senate.

One of the reasons why many athletes are now in senate is because of the budget scare that occurred at the end of spring semester. That budget scare had to do with ASCC Senate almost cutting the budget to athletics.

Dan Clauss, athletics director, said, "Given what happened last [semester] with senate wanting to cut budget for athletics, it actually raised awareness for the athletes."

He goes on to say that some athletes went up to him and asked him how they can be a part of senate.

Joseph Fierro, ASCC senator, agrees with Clauss on the reason

why there are 11 athletes now in senate.

"In truth of reality, yes," Fierro said. "I do believe that is a part of it and I'm pretty sure that is the reason why, but you know they just have concerns and I'm pretty sure it's not intentional to take over."

We want to work with these guys, we're not here to try [to say] we're better than someone else, I think compromising and sticking to the main objective that's working [...] for all the students here at Cerritos College," Fierro said.

One of the new senators that is also an athlete, Dave Evans, tennis player, said that now that there is a good amount of student athletes being part of senate, there will be a good representation of student athletes that there wasn't before.

"I believe that the athletic community is being more involved because we are pushed more from our coaches and everyone and there has been a lack of student athletes in

senate prior to this," Evans said.

"That [budget scare] definitely had a factor and I believe that's why a lot of student [athletes] ran because we didn't know such a budget crisis like that can be initiated so quickly," Evans said.

According to tennis coach Alvin Kim, he was told to encourage his athletes to run for senate.

"What people are telling me was [that] the coaches were encouraged to encourage our athletes to get involved," Kim said.

He also said that coaches encouraged players within the team to vote for the different athletes that ran for senate.

Kim did feel that now there is a good balance in ASCC Senate.

Clauss mentioned that the goal for the athletes running was strictly educational.

He also said that the budget scare wasn't the only reason student athletes wanted to run, some were interested regardless of the scare.



EMILY CURIEL/TM

Athletic takeover: Athletes filled a senate meeting in spring 2015 to voice their concern over budget cuts affecting them. There are now 11 athletes in student senate.

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Senate elections bring out student voters



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A rise in vote turnout: Student submits ballot at the voting booth located near the front of the Student Center. The students felt voting was important in helping improve the ASCC Senate.

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ASCC notice voting increase

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A million dollar budget hung in the balance while students voted to elect new senators for the Associated Students of Cerritos College.

Nine seats for freshmen and 24 seats for sophomore students have been filled.

Senate elections took place Wednesday, Sept. 9, and Thursday, Sept. 10, attracting more voters than previous years, according to an election committee member.

Despite the larger voting turnout, there were still many students unaware of the elections.

Jocelyn Torralba, communications major, said, "I did not know there was voting at all."

She also said that it's great to have a student senate because it can help bring more resources to improve the campus.

Christopher Vargas, nursing major, said that he voted because he was swayed by his friend's reasons for running.

Vargas felt that student senate is important because, "We have some one who can speak for us [students]."

Vargas compared the elections on campus to a presidential election stating, "If there were more posters around and you would hear the people [candidates] speaking and debate speeches, people [students] would actually pay more attention and [...] would want to vote [...] for people they like."

Cynthia Grace, biology major, felt that it would be tough for stu-

dents to vote because, "They should have been promoting, I did not know about the elections."

Elected senator, Daniel Flores Resendiz said, "I'm running to [...] represent those who have been marginalized, who feel under represented."

Resendiz received 135 votes according to the information released by ASCC. He has three main objectives he aims to accomplish as a senator.

He said, "There [are] three initiatives that I'm [going to] focus on. The first one is participatory democracy, this is a new concept, what that would entail is making sure that students at large would be able to vote in decisions that affect them [...] instead of senate voting it would be the entire student body population."

Resendiz also hopes to open gym facilities, courts and fields to all students, and improve student resources.

Joseph Fierro, elected senator, received the most votes out of everyone on the ballot with 169 votes.

He wants to put the meaning of community back into community college.

"I want to start advocating for youth gang members [...] when I was in high school I was part of the Male Academy," he said.

Fierro explained that Male Academy was a group that targeted male students at Jordan High School who were involved in gangs, or at risk, and helped them improve in school and life.

Help found in Kognito site

Website helps students with suicidal thoughts

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Kognito is a new program available free of charge for students at risk or who want to know how to help a friend dealing with sensitive issues.

According to Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. JoAnna Schilling, "The training can help students feel less alone if they are struggling in their classes or in their lives and to provide resources for where to go

for help."

She said, "I personally think it is a wonderful program that provides great information in an engaging way."

Dr. Hillary Mennella, Associate Dean of Student Health and Wellness, oversees the Kognito Program. She explained that Health Services is used to seeing students that are at risk for depression, anxiety, drug abuse, homelessness, suicide and domestic violence on a weekly basis and Kognito is an extra resource for students.

Mennella explained that there are specific modules for Veterans, LGBTQ, and depression.

She said, "You get scenarios and the program gives you feed back, if you guess wrong, if you're right, and

it progresses. It is a virtual based environment that engages in a series of game based exercises including role playing conversation."

Academic Counselor Felipe Salazar of the Veterans Resource Center says they tell students about the program including the Together Strong application.

Salazar said, "It is a tool for coping with stress, suicide prevention and much more."

Salazar also said there is a mental health therapist available Wednesdays at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the veterans.

The hours of the Veterans Resource Center are as follows: Monday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Turnitin merges technology and writing

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Perhaps this is the first time anyone has seen sultry play on words equated to writing, but two Cerritos College professors hope it's not the last.

Students who log onto Turnitin.com may recognize the faces of art history professors Julie Trager and Lisa Boutin-Vitela on the front page of the site.

Their writing campaign "Let's Write and Turn It On," earned them the 2015 MVP All-Stars Higher Ed. Award.

Professor Trager, who coined the campaign's name, said, "The idea behind the campaign is to get students writing more and to have writing across the curriculum and we thought perhaps the best way to get people excited is to make it a sexy campaign."

Vitela expressed, "I think when people hear Turnitin they're like 'oh, yeah I've heard about that,' but we wanted to make it more excit-

ing."

According to Trager, the ongoing campaign was an idea that was kicked off in early spring 2015 to encourage writing and technology and the Turnitin platform.

Writing ability matters

Trager said, "Writing is thinking, and so I think if you write clear ideas and you are able to articulate them, its freedom. It allows you to pursue your goals."

She added, "It gives our students voice, I think it's really important to have that voice and if you can't articulate your ideas, then no one will know you have them."

Vitela added that while one of their messages encourages students to express themselves, the main idea is to do so correctly.

She expressed that she had been in the middle of writing papers and while some were well written it concerned her to see sentence fragments and texting language in others.

"I go 'oh, my goodness, how is

this student going to communicate in a job later or how are they going to be able to communicate with an employer?"

It's not just about cheating

The campaign, which focused mainly on faculty, was interested in grabbing the attention and encouraging instructors to explore the different functions of the tool aside from its recognition as a plagiarism scanner.

"We didn't come to Turnitin first and foremost for plagiarism, I think it was about efficiency in grading, it's about what we could teach our students, what [they] could learn through using Turnitin, so I think we decided to do it because we felt we wanted to come with more things to help our students succeed," Trager said.

Some students recognize the tool more for being helpful for professors but also acknowledge how it helped them.

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Our workshop will cover everything you need to know about:

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- Obtaining transcripts
- Financial statements
- Writing an essay
- and much more



Tuesday, September 15 – 11am-Noon, BE 106
Thursday, October 22 – 1pm-2pm, SS 139

Knowing Your Learning Style for Academic Success Workshop

Did you ever notice that not everyone learns the same way?

Would you like to find out how to do well in a class that doesn't play to your strengths?

Attend our workshop and learn some tips and strategies to improve on your personal learning style!

Topics covered include:

- My role in my education
- How to be a role model for others
- Learning styles



Thursday, September 17 – 11am-Noon, BE 109

Four Keys to Balancing Family & School

Do you find yourself sitting in class thinking about what you need to pick up at the grocery store on your way home; the laundry that needs to be done before school the next morning, and what you are going to do about your three-year old's temper tantrums?? Then this workshop is for you!

We will cover:

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- Building a Support System
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Depression is a common illness that can affect anyone.

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- How depression manifests in women, men, children, & adolescents
- What strategies to take to prevent depression
- Where to get help
- Maintaining a support system
- Referral information



Wednesday, September 23 – 11am-Noon, MP 207

Stress & Relaxation Workshop

Attend our workshop and learn:

- What stress is and how it manifests in your life
- Is there a cure?
- Common causes, signs and symptoms of stress
- How it affects children, adolescents and adults
- What you can do to build resilience
- Coping strategies to decrease negative effects of stress

Monday, October 19 – 11am-Noon, MP 207

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Domestic Violence affects people in all socio-economic groups. It does not discriminate.

Attend our workshop and you will learn about:

- What Abuse is
- The Cycle of Violence
- Stockholm Syndrome
- How you can help
- Resources in the Community
- And more.....



Tuesday, October 27 – 11am-Noon, BE 109



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Students, faculty and alumni prepare for the college's 60th anniversary

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This year marks the 60th anniversary of Cerritos Community College in commemoration of this occasion, the Cerritos College Foundation is partnering with Public Affairs and ASCC to host an all day event on campus.

The celebration will be held this Thursday at Falcon Square.

The afternoon will start off with an on campus BBQ from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by an open house event from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. campus clubs will also be participating in the event.

There will also be a special guest performance by the Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble featuring Latin jazz artist and Cerritos College alumni Poncho Sanchez from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Miya Walker, director of public affairs, spoke of the event, "We [Public Affairs] wanted to create a special event that would bring together students, alumni, staff and the community to highlight the college's success over the last six decades."

"The best part is, Poncho will be playing his music with students and staff from our Jazz Ensemble," Walker added.

Poncho Sanchez attended Cer-

ritos College from 1970-1971 and is really looking forward to attending the event.

"I was raised in Norwalk so there are fond memories. There's some great memories and great teachers and a lot of friends," said Sanchez.

According to Sanchez, he was just a young Chicano kid right out of high school when he first began his courses at Cerritos College.

Although the Jazz Ensemble does not usually have performances this early in the semester, Dr. Betancourt, director of the Jazz Ensemble, feels very confident in the upcoming performance.

"It's kind of like taking a math class, and the thing you were supposed to cover in your ninth and tenth week, you now have to be able to do in your fourth week. [The Jazz Ensemble] has done really well," Betancourt said.

Betancourt feels that his group will represent themselves and the college well.

Those students that are part of the Jazz Ensemble, such as music major and pianist Oscar Franco, feel honored for the opportunity to be able to perform at this event.

This semester is the second semester that Franco has been part of the Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble.

"I feel nervous about the event, but it is a privilege. Not everybody gets this type of opportunity," Franco said.

Franco takes his role as a musician very seriously and believes that this upcoming performance will be another learning opportunity.

"That should be the mentality of every musician, to be students. It doesn't matter what level you're at; you are a student because you never stop learning," he said.



Another learning experience: With only two practices left, music major Oscar Franco practices with the Jazz Ensemble to perfect the jazz style. Although nervous for the event, Franco feels confident.

KRISTOPHER CARRASCO/TM

"As much as the Pulitzer is the hallmark of journalism, I think what I love the most is when somebody says they took my column and it's in their wallet."

-- Regina Brett,
NY Times best-selling author and journalist

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College celebrates Hispanic independence

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Cerritos College Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month kicked off with a presentation on Tuesday on the history of independence of both Mexico and Chile.

The presentation was conducted by history professor Walter Fernandez from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Teleconference Center.

Fernandez covered the dynamics behind the independence movements of many Hispanic cultures and how they are different from each other.

"The purpose of this presentation had to do with the fact that many countries celebrate their independences in September," Fernandez said.

He said that the purpose of this whole Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration is to educate students.

"It is to increase student knowledge of the different cultures, the experiences and what the different people within these cultures have gone through," he said.

There is a total of 10 different events spread throughout Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, all correlating with Hispanic Heritage Month.

The events range from folkloric dances, music listening, a movie and a book presentation from former Cerritos College student Wendy Solorio.

As for the presentation, students felt that it was educational.

"I thought it was very inspiring," Jesus Chavez Sierra, mechanical engineering major, said.

"It's a nice way to be able to reach out to your culture and events that happened in the past."

Sierra said that the main reason he came to the event was because his teacher told him about it.

He said he would have come either way.

"Even if he hadn't, I think this is something that I would've definitely showed up to," Sierra said.

Monyca Cedello, journalism major, said, "It helps us to know the history about Mexico, so I think it was really good."

She goes on to say that coming to this presentation helped her refresh her memory about Mexican independence.

The next event is scheduled for Sept. 22 at the amphitheater and sidewalk at 11 a.m.

It will be a performance of Aztec and folkloric dances from Latin America.

Clubs discuss future changes

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The Inter-Club Council, Student Activities, club advisors and club officers gathered together to discuss several changes during the Fall club advisor/officer luncheon.

The luncheon took place on Tuesday in Health Science 102.

During the luncheon, Amna Jara, coordinator of student activities, discussed changes to homecoming, general club information and the upcoming Zombie Run.

Among the changes being made to homecoming, Jara announced that homecoming queen is open to transgender women.

"If you consider yourself a female we are not going to stop you

from running for homecoming court," she said.

This opens up more opportunity for all students to participate.

Another difference from last year's homecoming festivities was the committee's budget cut of \$9,500.

As a result, clubs are only given \$250 for supplies.

Considering the budget for supplies last year was \$400, clubs will need to fundraise if they want to make up the difference.

In addition, clubs must strike down their own floats themselves since the school can no longer afford to do so.

Along with Amna Jara, student events specialist Cynthia Chavez talked about future program and budget changes.

Chavez stated that this year, ASCC will be piloting a new program for the requisition forms to be used by the Physical Education Department.

For the budgeting process, the school plans to use the Spend Map program as soon as October. If all goes well, the program will extend to other clubs by the spring semester.

Joseph Frausto, commissioner of the Inter-Club Council said, "I want to try to improve the Zombie Run since it is also a club competition."

He plans to also continue the food drive competition, which he hopes to start Sept. 29 and end on Oct. 29, as a way to coincide around the same time the Zombie Run might take place.



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Invocation may not be the wisest choice for the board

To say good luck or break a leg is one thing, but bringing in religious leaders to give educators, not politics, wishes of good faith, is just plain out uncalled for.

Invocation by definition means asking or petitioning for help or support and summoning a deity for said support.

The idea to have invocation at the beginning of board of trustees meetings came from trustee Zurich Lewis during the meeting on Sept. 2.

To Lewis' defense, the proposal includes not invoking a deity in order to not offend other religions with different ideals.

Anything in disguise that at its core has religious fundamentals, should be separated from anything having to do with education.

Education is a tool, religion is a remedy.

In an essence, people look to religion for a sense of calming and belonging.

Bringing that into an area of heated debate and policy making will create factions that side with whatever religion fits with one's own personal beliefs.

School campuses should be secular and academic based.

According to the website Episcopalpalgh.org found at this URL: <http://www.episcopalpalgh.org/invocation-us-house/>, God is mentioned in the invocation speech Reverend George L. W. Werner delivered to the United States House of Representatives.

He said, "Gracious God, we meet in a challenging moment of your history. We cannot control all that may endan-

ger us, but we can choose our behavior and the example we set as leaders. Facing overwhelming challenges, the signers of our Declaration of Independence pledged "their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor." In Romans, Paul, too, encourages us to "outdo one another in showing honor."

What about those that see no god or deity or other?

Those public civilians of the community found as audience of the board meeting may not believe in a religion.

How can we cater to their needs when a religious leader is delivering a speech of good faith?

The speech continues, "Please send your Holy Spirit among us, strengthening our vision and courage to do right, especially when no one is watching.

Not for just this great House, but all levels of government, corporations, institutions and organizations; financial, industrial, commercial, academic, military, including our religious and altruistic communities which sadly have not been immune from dishonor; that our beloved country may continue to be a beacon of light to a troubled world and that government for, by and of the people, shall not perish from the face of this Earth."

During a meeting like the board of trustees meetings, while some stand for the pledge of allegiance, others stay seated and do not put their right hand over their heart.

So if a Reverend is to come to the meeting and give wishes of good faith similar to the one Werner did, do those non-religion-affiliated persons step out

of the room to respect their self-belief?

It seems as only more "what if" scenarios and questions arrive from this topic.

It brings topics of conversation that no matter how many times we try to keep our self-beliefs out, they will come to the surface and be spilt mid debate and possibly hurt another's way of thinking.

As positive as it can be to engulf oneself in to a specific religion or belief, religion also has negative emotions that with out control spiral into hate and form factions.

"I'm better than you because you believe in something I find inferior;" thoughts that extreme beliefs can possibly produce.

In society we already have Christians, Catholics, Jews, Gentiles the list goes on!

All groups that don't always see eye-to-eye.

It is unnecessary to bring that kind of turbulence into the Cheryl A. Epple board Room or anywhere for that matter.

For example, if invocation is installed into board meetings, does this mean that board meetings of the past were completed without good faith and wise decision making because prior to that a Father, Reverend or Pasture didn't deliver a righteous speech?

Sure the board meetings at Cerritos College has had it's fair share of bumpy roads and awkward arguments, but in it's defense, it has helped the school reach the point it is in now, all of that before the need of having invocation.

The people won't be silenced

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The use of Peñabots, or Twitter accounts that behave like spam in order to silence dissenting activists in Mexico is extremely problematic.

Peñabots, named after the current Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto, are an almost dictatorial move to instill deep pride in a country.

It seems as though everyone must agree and comply with what is presented by the Mexican government or there is an attempt to silence the opposition.

According to an article from Borderland Beat, the spam accounts are being utilized to threaten activists and erase important hashtags used to communicate on Twitter.

The #Yamecanse (Spanish for I am tired) hashtag became popular after 43 students went missing from a rural school in Iguala, Guerrero, a tragedy that the government is said to be linked to.

Said hashtag trended on Twitter for some time criticizing the Mexican government including Peña Nieto for the poor way the tragedy was handled.

It wasn't long before the hashtag was overrun by the spam bots that disappeared the hashtag from the trending topics on Twitter.

Hashtags are a method of communication across the board for activists and a quick way to let one another know when rallies are taking place.

In an already hostile environment for dissenters, hashtags can also provide information on how to stay safe at rallies that can quickly go awry.

It is eerie how the Mexican government goes to great lengths to paint a positive picture of itself and the president.

In a time where cartel violence is prevalent and Mexican residents are disappearing without a trace everyday, it is hard to believe that the government is operating in a pristine manner.

The people deserve to know the answers to the many questions ranging from the disappearance of their loved ones to the censorship and ultimately the death of investigative journalists.

It is enraging that the people who want to bring about a change are demonized and their efforts are being thwarted.

Historically, anyone can trace back instances where the Mexican government has tried to silence objection.

The Massacre of Tlatelolco in 1968, showed the government's lack of tolerance for opposition when snipers in Plaza de las Tres Culturas shot at hundreds of protesters.

This new act of censorship turns into a question of what is the government trying to hide if it's going through great lengths to redirect attention to how great of a job they're doing.

As the Mexican proverb says, "They tried to bury us, but they didn't know that we were seeds."

Kanye should run, he shouldn't win

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Kanye West expressed his intention to run for president in 2020 while receiving the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award during this year's MTV Video Music Awards.

For all traditional Kanye West fans this is just the introduction to the rapper's "Heard 'Em Say" song, however, it may be more of a reality for the rapper right now.

What makes Kanye think he is equipped to be the leader of the United States? What prior experience does he have? What change will he bring?

Nevertheless, even in asking all of these questions, wouldn't it be fun to watch Kanye's campaign in real time?

For all that are opposed to the idea, think about this: Kanye would have a live microphone during live presidential debates.

Imagine the presidential commercials, rallies and tours. Quite frankly, if Kanye would've decided to run for president earlier we could have seen a pretty interesting face-off between West and the scandalous Donald Trump.

It has become a proven fact that

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Should schools add gender-neutral bathrooms?

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History major

"Well it's all right I guess, I don't really have an opinion on it."

DAISY RAMOS
Medical assistant major

"I think they should, since people are different genders and so they don't discriminate the people."



CHRISTINA MOLINA
Criminal justice major

"I think we should, since males prefer to be with straight people, but then there are the gays that feel uncomfortable in a sense, but then it is also dangerous. It has its pros and its cons."



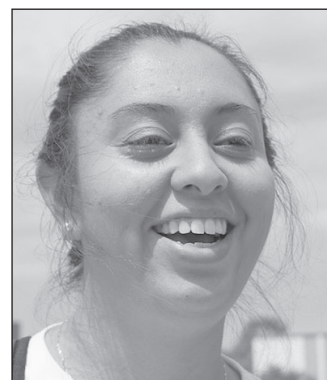
JUSTIN RAYA
Communications major

"It has its pros and cons since there are perverts out there that like looking at girls going to the restroom."



JESSICA ROJAS
Physical therapy major

"I don't think we should because it is not right for people since people need their own privacy."



every time Kanye is given a live microphone it has turned into must-see television. Still doubting? Just look at the MTV VMAs.

It's important to note here that he received the award on the same stage that he stole the spotlight in a drunken rage from Taylor Swift just six years prior. Ironically enough, it was Swift who presented Kanye with the award.

While his wife may be known for "breaking the internet" Kanye is known for stopping the world.

Despite the outstanding intrigue Kanye would bring to the presidential race, it is highly unlikely that Kanye would actually win.

This is coming from an outspoken rapper who is actively trying his hand in becoming a favorable fashion designer.

In the infamous "You [aren't] the answers Sway!" interview, Kanye went in depth of how "rich whites" will not allow a minority like himself to be viewed on the same level as them.

If Kanye thinks he was being stopped in trying to reach the pinnacle of fashion designing what are the chances that he actually can reach the pinnacle of presidency?

The "Black Skinhead" rapper

has said on multiple occasions that this "system" is not set up for blacks to win.

Essentially, the game was not designed to provide fairness.

However, Kanye would have one step on the competition if he does indeed decide to run for president in 2020.

He would not have to worry about something coming to the forefront and potentially harming his presidential chances.

What can honestly be said about Kanye that hasn't been said in one form or another?

While it seems highly unlikely Kanye would win the presidential elect vote, the popularity vote may be a different story.

Nonetheless, it would be interesting to watch the events unfold, but what if Kanye was to win the election and become the 46th president of the United States?

He would become a highly regarded rapper, a successful fashion designer, in addition to becoming president.

Maybe it is true; "No one man should have all that power."

Wrestling team performs well in Bakersfield Duals

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The wrestling team opened up its season last Saturday at the Bakersfield Duals.

Last week, the team played against four colleges at the Bakersfield Dual.

The first team it played against was West Hills-Lemoore College and won 35-13. The team struggled against Cuesta College losing 18-33.

Cerritos College bounced back and won the next two matches against East Los Angeles College 36-12 and beating Bakersfield College 25-12.

The team went 3-1 in last Saturday's tournament.

The entire team weighed in last Friday, before Saturday's Bakersfield Tournament eager for the tournament to get underway.

Head coach Donald Garriott said, "I am really excited as it is the first competition of the year. We have a lot of young new guys and I am really excited to see what they have!"

Jesse Gomez, who went to the State Championship last year and came in second, went 2-0 in the Bakersfield Dual in his weight class (heavyweight) of 285 lbs.

Jesse won his matches by points this time and is ranked in first in the state this year.

Gomez said that his first match was the most intense of the two "because of the mistakes" he made.

Oscar Martinez, who also wrestles in the heavyweight class, did not participate in the Bakersfield Duals.

Martinez said, "I'm excited to

see how we do and how the team comes together."

Martinez also came in second place last year in his weight class of 197 lbs.

With Gomez and Martinez coming in second place last year, this has fueled them with determination to win the state championship this year in their weight classes.

Martinez and Gomez both have their eyes set on the State Championships this year.

Garriott said, "This is an almost completely new team from last year. We only returned two starters from last year's team that won the state championship so it's hard to improve on that."

"This year's team will be a work in progress but I feel by the end of the season we will be right where we need to be to make another run at the title."

Garriott was named the state's Coach of the Year.

He added, "I am not looking to prove anything. I just want to develop these young, talented guys we have and compete for another state title."

Assistant coach Eric Gould was voted the Assistant Coach of the Year.

Last season the team went on a cinderella run in December in the post season. First it started off with the Southern California Regional Tournament when they placed first.

They ended the cinderella run, last season the team won its fourth CCCAA State Championship in Cerritos College history.

In hopes to repeat the feat again, the team practices with determination and dedication to repeat for another CCCAA State Championship.



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Practice makes perfect: The women's water polo team practicing on its passes. This was the team's first practice since they went 2-2 at the American River tournament.

Women's water polo break even

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The women's water polo team got its first look at competition this past weekend going 2-2 at the American River Tournament.

Head coach Sergio Macias said, "[It's the] first tournament the coaching staff and the team is always excited to see how this group plays together. We are matched up against all northern California teams which is a great way to prepare for our conference opener [...]."

The women's team received its losses from San Joaquin Delta with the final score being [2-11] and American River with a final score of [5-10].

However, the team did earn victories over Las Positas [8-5] and against Santa Rosa by a final tally of [18-2].

Although the team did break even in the win and losses at the tournament, most of the players thought they could have played better.

Attacker Janay Williams said, "I think I did okay, I think I could have done a little better but I tried my best."

Center Vanessa Hinojosa said, "I think we could have done a lot better, we were pretty solid, definitely things we need to work on."

Macias agreed that the team could improve on some things, "Continue to improve our conditioning and getting used to playing with one another. We have to limit unforced turnovers and take advantage of easy scoring opportunities."

Now looking forward to the future, the team is ready to get their season started today against Rio Hondo College, Macias reflected, "Without a doubt that's why we train and spend long hours in the pool, to becoming a better team by No-

vember..."

The players are also excited to play the season opener at home, Hinojosa said, "Being able to play at home and having friends and family to see us play,"

Williams said she is looking forward to improving with her team this season.

The players also agree with Macias, saying they have what it takes to make a long run for a championship, Williams stated, "[They] Definitely have what it takes, just need to work on our communication and we could definitely go far."

Hinojosa said, "I think we have a really good team, just need to work on knowing each other's strengths and weaknesses, I think these girls are pretty smart and talented."

Football team takes win, but not without setbacks

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Some people enjoy thrillers and some don't.

Head coach Frank Mazzotta and staff may be those who don't. After Sept. 5 win at Saddleback College, Mazzotta said his grey hair turned white during the game, this week he might be losing his hair.

Cerritos College took care of business yet again, but not without some serious drama and uncertainty as they bolted with a 34-31 victory Saturday night against Orange Coast College, who fumbled the ball at the 45-yard line as time expired.

The win came despite some serious injuries that the team overcame en route of the victory.

Coach Mazzotta was surprised the team was able to overcome the injuries and continue to maintain their focus.

Two starters were injured during the game, center Daniel Alanouf and defensive back Anthony Murray. Alanouf missed the remainder of the season after dislocating and breaking his ankle in the first quarter.

In the same quarter, Murray went down with what was believed to be a slight ligament tear.

"I got horse-collared, went down and the ankle rolled a little bit. It felt uncomfortable," Murray said. "I just knew it was bad."

He may be able to return to the team next week for the Falcons home opener against Fullerton College.

After the Murray injury, defensive backs coach pulled cornerback Thadd Daniels to the side and simply said, "I need you now more than ever."

He responded with a blocked field goal.

"That's one of our top corners going down, so I just had to keep my composure and make a play," Daniels said.

Murray wasn't the only defensive presence that was missed in the secondary.

Free safety Elijah Walker was disqualified in the second quarter after it was believed that he was targeting the quarterback.

Meaning he was trying to hurt the quarterback intentionally.

"Everybody was disappointed because he's going to miss the next game. It's a big deal," Mazzotta admitted. "But it'll be reviewed, it's going to have to be reviewed." Walker said, "I'm not even really sure if I'm kicked out for the next game, I'm just going to believe that I can play because it's under review."

He added, "I'm just going to have to take it in somehow."

In response to all of the commotion surrounding

the team's defense, it was up to other players to step up.

Well, at least in the words of defensive leader David Fangupo.

Fangupo pulled the defense to the side and was heard telling his teammates, "This is where we determine who wants to be good and who wants to be great. Somebody has to go out there and make a play. It's that simple."

Defensive end Alonzo Hansen got the message loud and clear. Following the speech with two tackles, including a sack.

"It's a team effort so when one player makes a play, we have to be juiced. We have to feed off of that. Alonzo [Hansen], I have to tip my hat off to him, every week he comes down like that. He has a motor and he's a great player, and [mostly] he helps other people around him make plays," Fangupo said about Hansen's play.

However, Hansen had no problem sharing the spotlight. "[David's speech] motivated me because I didn't have a good first half," Hansen said.

"He's [David] is a big influence on this team, especially [with] him being a sophomore. It's a privilege to play with him."

On the offensive end, Jimmy Walker to De'jai Whitaker connection was stronger than ever.

"I think it's just being around each other for two years. Coming in at the same time and coming up together," quarterback Walker said about the duo's success.

Walker threw for 376 yards with four touchdowns to just one interception on 25 of 37 completions all while battling flu-like symptoms.

"We just work on it in practice, so we just kept [running our offense]," Whitaker stated.

Whitaker had eight receptions for 182 yards and three touchdowns.

The running game continued to be "by committee," according to running back Robert Gordon. However, it was Kishawn Holmes who received majority of the carries.

"It was [a] team effort, I didn't shoulder anything. From the offensive line to the quarterback to the receivers to the coaches calling the plays, it was a team effort," Holmes explained.

Holmes rushed for 78 yards on 18 carries.

The Falcons are 2-0 now heading back home against Fullerton College.

Fangupo said, "We came together as a whole and that's the main thing we came out with the win. Now we're going to go home and eat some chicken!"

The next game of the season is the home opener against Fullerton College Saturday.

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Volleyball kill: Nicole Spigner jumps in the air and kills the ball against Glendale. Spigner finished the match against Glendale with 10 digs.



Volleyball kill: Nicole Spigner jumps to just kill the ball to the other side. Spigner had a team high of 8 kills against Glendale.



Volleyball block: Natalie Caravantes (left) and Kayley Stephens (right) both attempt to block a shot. Stephens finished the game with 7 kills against Cuesta.

Volleyball start off strong in first day of tournament

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Cerritos College volleyball team earned key wins to place in the championship bracket for a chance to win the Cerritos tournament. The team earned wins against Glendale College, Cuesta College and Santa Monica College last Friday. Last year Cerritos College played Glendale in the tournament and won in four sets [25-14, 25-21, 24-26, 25-21]. This time, Cerritos College faced Glendale College at 11 a.m. and defeated Glendale in three sets [25-11, 25-20, 25-17]. Outside Hitter Nicole Spigner had a big impact in the game, finishing the game with eight kills and adding 10 digs.

Head coach Teresa Velasquez-Ortega said, “We are happy where we are today as a team we won all three games. Overall I think the team competed very well.” After defeating Glendale College, the Falcons had a rest period and waited for their next game to start, which was not until 3 p.m. The team looked to build confidence after winning their first game and maintain its confidence for the second and third match of the day. Cerritos College’s second match was against Cuesta College and defeated Cuesta College [25-20, 26-24, 25-18]. Sophomore libero Jasmine Peralta helped the team with her services as she recorded with five service aces and 19 digs. “I felt really confident in my team because I knew we wanted to win and come out and be the better

team,” Peralta said. Finishing the match at 4:40 p.m. Cerritos College had to prepare quickly for the next game at 5 p.m. that was against Santa Monica College. Last year Cerritos College played Santa Monica College twice and lost both times [25-20, 25-18, 27-25], [14-25, 18-25, 26-24, 21-25]. After building confidence after winning two matches, Cerritos College prepared for its third match. The Falcons pulled away with the first set, winning 27-25, but lost confidence in the second set, losing 13-25. Being tied in sets, the third set was huge for both teams, but the Falcons came back to win the third [25-18] and the fourth set [25-22]. Sophomore setter Natalie Caravantes had the team high of 30 assists in the match.

“When one person is down it just brings everybody down and that’s just what happened,” Peralta said about dropping the second set to Santa Monica College. Cerritos College only dropped one set in the first day of the tournament and looked to continue its success in the second day. Caravantes said, “I felt we did really good as a team and that’s the reason we went 3-0.” At the end of last Saturday, the volleyball team was 4-0 in the season. Cerritos College at end of the day stats as a team had a total of 35 aces, 152 digs, and 9.5 blocks in the three matches played last Saturday. The team has yet to play in a conference match in the season. The women have yet to play an away game. Last year the Falcons went 2-3 in

the Cerritos College Tournament. The falcons went with a record of 14-8 in the season and 11-3 in conference. Cerritos College, in the second day of the tournament, played Yuba College at 9 a.m. If Cerritos College gets a win in the match against Yuba College, it would put them in a 1 p.m. semi-final match against either Orange Coast College or Cypress College. Last year Cypress College won the Cerritos tournament against El Camino College. If Cypress College wins the tournament, it will be their second consecutive year capturing the Cerritos tournament title. The team will have its first away game of the season next Sept. 23 when they play at Riverside College. The last time both teams met last season Riverside College won the match in five sets.

To find out how the volleyball team did last Saturday in the championship bracket and if any player made All- Tournament team scan the QR code on the right for the complete coverage of day two for the results



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Women’s soccer practice: Heidi Snyder (left) and Briana Calderon rush for a ball to save it from going out of bounds during a scrimmage after practice. The team will travel to Texas for its upcoming games on Thursday and Saturday.

Lone star state receives women’s soccer

Women’s soccer ready to play in Richland, Texas

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Heading into it’s “out of state” games, the Cerritos College women’s soccer team has a record of 2-0-2. This may not be their most dominating start to a season, with two of the four games played ending in ties, but the women of the Cerritos College soccer team as of now are upholding their national title. Last Friday the Falcons did the national title justice as they tied to Los Angeles Pierce College. The team held the women of Los Angeles Pierce College to a nil-nil score in the first half. However, the women of Cerritos College lost the lead, 1-0, to Pierce

College at the beginning of the 2nd half. “As the number one team in the nation, every team is out to get us,” women’s soccer head coach Ruben Gonzalez said. Pierce came out swinging, in the beginning of the second half, but was no match for the tenacity of the Falcons. When all hope had seem to have been loss, for a tying score, Cerritos College caught a lucky break. In the middle of the second half Pierce was called for a handball, on a cross from opposing freshman Jackie Garcia, resulting in a penalty kick. Natalie DeLeon, forward, stepped up to the penalty spot. With steady breath and a swift kick, DeLeon scored the first and only goal of the game for Cerritos College, second goal scored for her this year. Making the score of the game 1-1, at the 76th minute.

The two teams went kick-for-kick with the game resulting in a 1-1 tie. Pierce College did not let up so easily out-shooting Cerritos College 18 shots to 10. “We’re a young team,” Gonzalez said. “The [players] are working very hard [...] With the opportunity we have to play in Dallas, I am hoping it’s a bonding experience that really brings the [players] together.” The women’s soccer team left to Richland, Texas, Tuesday. This will be a five day trip for the team, an opportunity to showcase their ability, a cross the country. There will be one game Thursday evening, against Richland and the last Saturday morning, against Cisco. After the Texas road trip Cerritos will come back home and face Ventura College on Sept. 26.

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