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Library Club helps students with ESL

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The library club has been around since 2009 and one of the things that it started almost immediately was helping out English as a Second Language students with reading.

The club constructed an ESL reading discussion, which occurs every Wednesday in room LC51 from 11 a.m. to noon.

These discussions comprise of ESL students gathering around and reading a book together. Once they are done, they discuss the book's plot, characters etc.

According to Pamela Rodriguez Cervantes, ESL Coordinator, these book discussions were created to help ESL students understand English better, whether it is reading or comprehending the language.

Paula Pereira, library club adviser, said, "This is a friendly atmosphere for [ESL students] to make new friends, for them to improve their speaking skills [and] their reading skills."

Pereira continues to say that Library Club members volunteer to help ESL students every week during the reading discussions.

As for what book gets chosen for the discussion, it falls in the hands of Cervantes, according to Pereira.

"[Cervantes] already read the Frankenstein book with the students, so she noticed that they really liked it and because Halloween is coming up, she decided that they would be interested in a story like that," Pereira said.

Pereira also added that there is a collection of books in the library that is compiled with books for ESL students.

According to Cervantes, the turnout for these readings has gone to plan.

"It's been good. When I started, there was a lot of ESL students coming, but recently sometimes they come (and) sometimes they go. I guess it's because of their schedule of classes, but we still have some students coming," Cervantes said.

Cervantes added that she feels good about this program when it comes to helping ESL students.

"I feel good helping them out because I was an ESL student so I know how it feels," Cervantes said.



SEBASTIAN ECHEVERRY/ TM

Traditions fading away: Anime Club member is under the football bleachers working on her club's float. "Although, I think it is an important tradition, it seems that it's a tradition that we're struggling to keep strong and that maybe as a tradition it is not matching our current student body," Dr. Gilbert Contreras, dean of student services, said.

Hard work gone down the drain

Clubs believe float building is going to waste

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The homecoming floats have been a tradition upheld by Cerritos College for decades and it wasn't any different for fall 2015 homecoming.

ASCC Senate reduced the homecoming budget from \$16,000 in 2014 to \$6,500 in 2015 allowing each club a check of \$250 for their float construction.

"There is a budget for the floats that is approved by ASCC Senate, I know this year they had a pretty big reduction from last year's senate," Dr. Gilbert Contreras, dean of student services, said.

He continued, "From my understanding

this is something that is important to them and a lot of alumni, [...] but I do think they really have to start talking about it."

"Although, I think it is an important tradition, it seems that it's a tradition that we're struggling to keep strong and that maybe as a tradition it is not matching our current student body," Contreras said.

According to Jason Villa, mathematics major and member of the Anthropology Club, there were 15 spots for floats, but a couple dropped out before making it to the awards ceremony homecoming morning.

By the time of the homecoming float parade, only about seven clubs participated in the display.

Contreras said, "I know some students came up to me to share some concerns about it, but also the students are very excited to have a homecoming and excited to have this type of energy, but at the same time they want to make sure they are getting the most out of their budget."

Although, club members made light of their hard work and dedication to float

building, through laughs they stated how their hard work was almost in vain.

"No, of course it was not worth it. A week wasted, hours, we starved for a couple of them, I didn't think it was worth wasting all of that time to tear it down today," Synnikiu Avalos, of the Environmental Club, said through laughter.

According to Avalos, the float took three days to build and 20 minutes to break down.

She added that the club had looked into tearing the float in half and taking it to an art gallery.

The Environmental Club float received the Burnight Award for most inspirational.

"We worked hard all week and now it is going down the drain," Kimberly Martinez, child development major said.

Martinez expressed her satisfaction with the child development float winning an award; "It was actually a really good feeling when they called our name, because we really did work. I was here morning till night every single day since Monday so it felt so good."

Villa stated that the Anthropology Club also worked long hours building its float.

"Well, we actually started on the float on Monday, [...] but people have been here since 10 a.m. So almost all week someone has been here since 10 a.m. working on it. It's pretty damn fun," he said.

According to the regulations, the striking of the floats was to be completed by 10 p.m. on homecoming night.

"In the past it was a fundraiser opportunity for one of our athletics teams, one of the teams from athletics would destroy the floats, this year as a way to save money based on the senate funding, clubs were responsible for tearing down their own floats," Contreras stated.

The clubs felt the impact of the budget slashing as stated by Anthropology Club member, Christopher Gonzalez, "[We had] less everything."

According to the Anthropology Club president, clubs had to compete to have a float since there were less floats and less funds.

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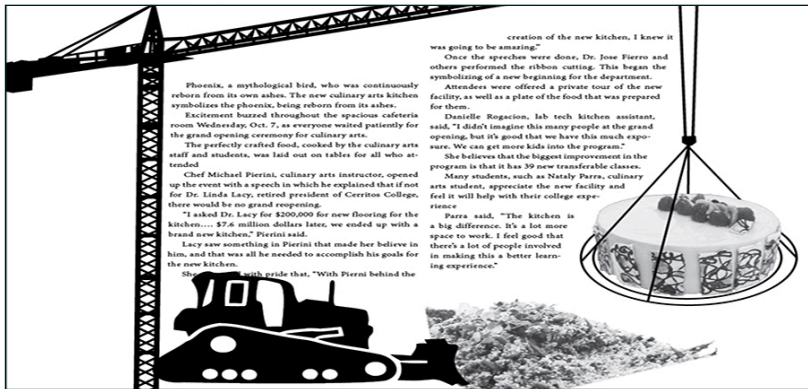
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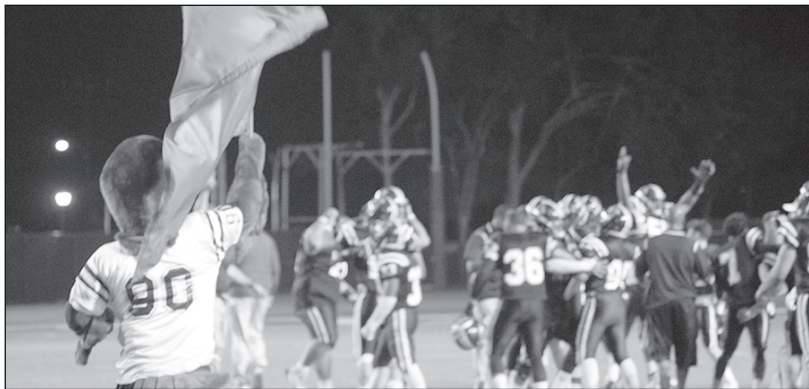
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New chief justice: Trent Coates hopes to implement changes as the new chief justice. A suggestion box, which would allow students to share ideas was discussed.

New chief justice looking for change

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With the new school year well under way, student government is making sure that the campus is well represented.

Newly appointed Chief Justice Trent Coates plans to come up with fresh new ideas for student government and for the student body, as a whole, in hopes that both will respond well to the ideas.

In the end, these ideas are to help the student body achieve a satisfactory experience that makes it enjoyable to come to school.

The process of becoming the chief justice lies in the hands of the Associated Students of Cerritos College President.

Any member of court can apply for the position.

As part of the application process, the applicants sit down with ASCC President Eduardo De La Rosa and talk about the position.

There's no voting or campaigning, just presentation of what the person running can do to better the school.

Coates met De La Rosa during the 2015 spring semester, his first year involved with Cerritos College student government.

Over the summer, De La Rosa suggested to Coates that he apply for the chief justice position.

"He's a hard worker, always the first to arrive and last to leave. He's dedicated to the job and when going through the candidates he was honestly the best fit," De La Rosa said.

According to De La Rosa, they will work closely to bring good ideas to ASCC.

Among the ideas was a change box.

Like a suggestion box, a change box allows students to write down any ideas they may have.

A student must write his name, e-mail, student ID and the idea in small detail.

After this process, it's dropped in the change box and sent to a senator.

The student is then contacted, for a meeting, to discuss the proposal with a senate member.

Student awareness and involvement is something that Coates wants to focus on throughout the year.

"When students think of court they associate it with an entity that doesn't do much and is not very personable," Coates said.

This year Coates wants to change that.

He expects to have the other associated justices stand behind him when it comes to referring to the bylaws that are set, dealing with student conduct violations and offenses.

"I plan to propose a few changes to some of the bylaws. Some of them are a bit sexist," the chief justice commented.

Another idea is to have new uniforms for all members of court.

There's a yearly allowance of \$18,000 set for getting the standard uniform.

"It feels great," he said.

Last year I was the newest participant on court now [...] well now I'm in one of the highest positions."

Job hunting just got easier

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Chanel Baxter, Career Center secretary clerk, sits behind the front desk welcoming students as they come through the front door, but what she might not realize is that she might be one of the first people to see students make a life changing decision.

The Career Center can help students land the perfect dream job and can help alum rediscover their passion.

The Center is located on the second floor of the Multi-Purpose Building.

Students can come to the center and find resources to help them perform better during interviews, beef up resumes and where to look in the first place for not just any job position, but careers they have been studying for.

Baxter said, "We have job binders where [students] can actually find positions from different companies off campus and sometimes we have positions on campus."

Aside from pin-pointed job positions, the Career Center also has workshops where students come and experts can oversee resumes and correct or create resumes with the students from scratch.

Baxter believes that last semester, people were not so interested in the workshops, but that this semester, there has been an increase in people attending the workshops.

"We have a lot of teaching jobs for people that want to be teachers, marketing jobs, because we help our students even after they graduate," she said.

The Career Center can also help students find internships, both paid or unpaid, specified to their majors.

Baxter said, "[Employers] need people, [employers] need to hire people."

Counselors are stationed in the Career Center to help students with questions concerning careers.

There are also counselors in the counseling department next to the financial aid office.

However, Shannon Estrada, re-entry resource specialist, said, "Our counselors can also do the academic part, so they can do what the other counselors do. It's just that each counselor has a specialty and ours specialize in career counseling."

The career counselors work on resumes and interviewing skills.

For those that have been long gone from the familiar grounds of Cerritos College, they can still use the Career Center for help.

Rose Vasquez, administrative secretary for career services, said "As long as [alum] graduated from here or got a certificate, [alum] can come back and use our career services."

If the career a student once chose as a path doesn't grow, or is difficult to find a job, alum can find help in the Career Center to choose a different career.

Estrada mentioned a new program the Career Center has implemented on every last Monday of every month called Career Cafe.

Estrada said, "We kind of set up [the Career Center] like a little cafe and serve coffee and cookies, but the point is [students] actually get to sit down with the career counselors and have a conversation and just ask questions."

A program the Career Center often holds is the Job Fair, where employers come onto the campus and talk with students at Falcon Square, and according to Estrada, can actually hire students on the spot.

The fair will be in effect Oct. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the library sidewalk.

Hard work gone down the drain

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"ASCC gave us the actual funds they gave us a check. We had to cash it in and we just have to give the receipts and give them back the money we did not spend," Gonzales stated.

As for the future of the floats the dean of student services said, "Well, first I'd like to ask the students themselves, if it is a funding priority, cause the budget is basically our priority,

He added, "Be curious to see how many ASCC senators were actually at the homecoming."

"Also how many of the cabinet members went to homecoming, because that would give you a better sense of its important it is to student leaders themselves."

He added, "But it would be up to them to find a competing interest. I have a ton of ideas of where I'd like to see the money go, but it is not my budget it is their budget."

Contreras believed this activity is an effort to promote school spirit and get students more involved, making it a big team builder.

"Throughout the week they're out there working on the floats, you know some faculty members are out there I saw staff members from international students; the dental hygiene folks are out there.

"It's really nice to see everyone come together for that," he expressed.

"It would be nice to see more student involvement; I think it's really key to see from the student's perspective.

"ASCC Senate, cabinet and court, 'is this something that is important to you? Does your attendance reflect that?' he concluded.

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Too loud: Jason Guerrero, engineering major, studies in the relatively full library as two students chat nearby. To combat the traffic and noise, the library staff has also added additional tables in the main entrance.

Students want a quiet library

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It hasn't been kept hush that there is a problem in the library when it comes to noise levels and how to handle it has been a topic of discussion between student government.

In ASCC Senate, some of the solutions up for discussion include having student government leaders monitor the library. Senator Luis Guzman has been outspoken in senate about the issue.

He stated, "So from what I remember, yeah there's a discussion about student government leaders."

"I know it was mentioned in cabinet that Eddie [De La Rosa] wanted some people from student government to patrol and just like having the blue shirt present."

"It's not up to us, we as student government leaders should be role models, but we are the legislators when it comes to senate, and it should be up to the students and people who work in the library to set an example," Guzman said.

Also up for discussion was the implementation of cadets monitoring the library, which Guzman is against.

"I mentioned police cadets, but I had this discussion with a lot of teachers and

I kind of changed that mentality," he said. He continued, "I'm thinking that it is not the right of the students to do that [...] What we want is the district to find a solution, because it is not up to us, like we shouldn't be sending police cadets."

He agreed that cadet presence would make students uncomfortable and there shouldn't be increased policing.

Guzman took it upon himself to schedule a meeting with Cerritos College President Dr. Jose Fierro to discuss how to handle the issue.

Both discussed student conduct in the library and Fierro suggested working with the people who work at the library.

The two agreed that there should be designated spots for people to study as well as for students to hang out.

Fierro stated that part of the issue has been taken into consideration.

"We are waiting for the approval to install a glass partition to minimize noise in the study areas. We have the glass and everything is here, we just haven't received the approval from the state to be able to install it."

Fierro noted that this will be the first part in working with the noise levels and it is expected to be done approximately by Jan 11.

"Were going to see a little bit of differ-

entiation between the center area, where a lot of the students gather and the shelf area where people sit to study, there are going to be some divisions there," he said.

He also expressed that the shaded areas that will be built around campus will also help.

These areas will have access to Wi-Fi and accommodate about 30-40 people sitting comfortably.

Senator Diana Silveyra is also concerned about the library noise levels.

"My opinion and I was discussing it with my colleague [Guzman] is that I believe to designate certain areas for activities, and certain areas where it is strictly just to study and do what you have to do, and I feel like that way maybe we can balance out the noise."

Silveyra added that these designated areas would serve students who work in groups or gather for discussion and tend to elevate their voices in order to be heard. "If we're able to designate an area for that, I think we'll be able to make the library more suitable for everyone," Silveyra noted.

Cerritos College full time faculty Librarian Paula Pereira acknowledged the noise level discussion.

"It's just the way I see it, some students are here because they want to work to-

gether in groups and they are okay making some noise and they don't mind so much because they are with their friends."

She continues, "And they want to just stay together and talk even though we do have the study rooms that they can go to."

Pereira noted that some students opt out of going into the study rooms because they want their friends to come over, but it may cause an issue for students who are there trying to study.

"If you're going to try and study math or history, something that requires a lot of concentration, then it's an issue for [students] because they really cannot focus," Pereira said.

According to Pereira, the noise levels differ depending on the time of day or time of the semester.

As solutions for now, the librarian noted that as of this week, there was an addition of study desks and tables and also made mention of a decibel meter.

"This generation is bringing a lot of changes when it comes to the traditional way [to use a library]," she concluded.

Breaking the myths

Psych Club hosts presentation on psychopathy.

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"Psychopaths know the words, not the music," Dr. Robert Shug, professor of forensic psychology at California State University Long Beach, said as he went through the characteristics of psychopaths during his presentation on psychopathy and serial homicide.

The presentation was hosted by the Cerritos College Psychology Club last Friday.

Dr. Shug was invited by the Psychology Club to give a presentation on psychopathy, a personality disorder and how misconstrued people make it out to be.

Understanding Psychopaths

Psychopaths are not what everyone makes them out to be. Dr. Shug was able to get the crowd laughing, while discussing serious misconceptions of psychopaths and why this is important in the psychology field.

In his presentation, Dr. Shug went through the diagnostic criteria of psychopathy by listing common characteristics found in psychopaths. These characteristics are used to diagnose a person with psychopathy.

Facts and Myths

Dr. Shug presented information about myths and truths about psychopaths, video interviews with psychopathic murderers, how to treat psychopathy and his own personal experiences with diagnosing convicted murderer's with psychopathy.

"I had a great time, I thought the students seemed very engaged. I think the people going into this profession will become experts to some degree in these concepts, and that comes with a certain responsibility in terms of treatment and how you can use these concepts to help people," Shug said.

Shug feels that in order for students to be seen as scientific practitioners in the psychology field, they need to understand the intricate differences in the research.

According to Carlos Osorio, psychology club vice president, approximately 90 people showed up to the event.

With a five dollar entrance fee, Osorio was surprised with the turnout.

"I wasn't expecting anything like this and I'm learning from events like this," Osorio said.

Osorio explained that the psychology club's goal is not just to help psychology majors with these events, but to help anyone who is interested in psychology.

Once the presentation was over, Dr. Shug began to answer questions from those who attended, in which he was further able to explain how to use science to understand people.

Many students felt that they benefited from the information given, such as Nathan Sayok, psychology major.

"It's pretty interesting. It's cool to learn about how many people can be psychopaths and that not all psychopaths are necessarily serial killers. I also learned that sociopathy is apparently not a thing," Sayok said.

Dreamers Club helps overcome cultural obstacles

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For Luis Guzman, history major, his outlook on life changed when he turned 16 and found out he was undocumented.

Like Guzman, undocumented students at Cerritos College have a new option for resources in the form of the Dreamers Club.

The club was started during the fall 2015 semester by geography major, Ana Gonzalez.

"Pretty much what motivated me was the lack of resources for undocumented students. There are a lot of AB-540 students that don't know about the resources that are out there for them and they're so confused," she stated.

Gonzalez met Guzman, who is now the vice president of the club and related her plans of starting a

club to which he responded that he too was an AB-540 student.

"I was trying to get a job through the government when I was 16, so that kind of sucked because it changed my whole outlook in life.

"It made me feel like I was a second-class citizen, where I don't get the same rights as other people," Guzman said of finding out he was undocumented.

"I joined this because you know I understand the situation," the club's vice president expressed.

Gonzalez stated that what sparked and motivated the start of the club was going to a UCLA transfer program where she witnessed the involvement of other community colleges.

"Most of them were very active at their community college with in clubs, workshops, field trips,

and me and other students were like 'Well, I don't have that at my school, like we don't even have an AB-540 or undocumented student club' and then I really thought about it," she noted.

She took action when she attended the Dream Act workshop at Cerritos College by asking for people's numbers and emails and introducing the idea of starting a club.

The idea was to start something like the workshop, but led by students.

"We got Yesenia Ramirez help in Admissions and Financial Aid and other staff such as counselors, and we're still in the process but I feel happy as what we've acquired so far, which is getting the word out and becoming that club," Gonzalez expressed.

She added, "The club is in-

tended to offer guidance and any resources for undocumented students. A lot of people don't go to the resources we have here on campus."

She provided that those resources are often counselors, admissions or financial aid.

"They are ashamed of where we come from and saying 'undocumented' to some students is a big step," she expressed.

"So I assume if they have a club where another student identifies themselves with who they are as well, they feel more comfortable with going 'how can I get financial aid to go to a UC or a Cal State or so on,'" Gonzalez concluded.

The club president would like to implement field trips and tours especially for undocumented students to different UCs.

Gonzalez and Guzman believe

the club is intended so students can discuss the different resources that are offered in and out of campus such as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Among the other resources she listed are social security and driver's licenses, "For us to go on as immigrants."

Gonzalez hopes AB-540 students can be labeled much more than just immigrants.

So far, the club has met three times and has started discussing future fundraising including fundraising for Zombie Fest, the festivities held by the college around Halloween.

The Dreamers Club will meet again on Thursday.

From the ground up

Renovating futures for new culinary students

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A Phoenix, a mythological bird, who was continuously reborn from its own ashes. The new culinary arts kitchen symbolizes the phoenix, being reborn from its ashes.

Excitement buzzed throughout the spacious cafeteria room Wednesday, Oct. 7, as everyone waited patiently for the grand opening ceremony for culinary arts.

The perfectly crafted food, cooked by the culinary arts staff and students, was laid out on tables for all who attended.

Chef Michael Pierini, culinary arts instructor, opened up the event with a speech in which he explained that if not for Dr. Linda Lacy, retired president of Cerritos College, there would be no grand reopening.

"I asked Dr. Lacy for \$200,000 for new flooring for the kitchen.... \$7.6 million dollars later, we ended up with a brand new kitchen," Pierini said.

Lacy saw something in Pierini that made her believe in him, and that was all he needed to accomplish his goals for the new kitchen.

She expressed with pride that, "With Pierni behind the creation of the new kitchen, I knew it was going to be amazing."

Once the speeches were done, Dr. Jose Fierro and others performed the ribbon cutting. This began the a new beginning for the department.

Attendees were offered a private tour of the new facility, as well as a plate of the food that was prepared for them.

Danielle Rogacion, lab tech kitchen assistant, said, "I didn't imagine this many people at the grand opening, but it's good that we have this much exposure. We can get more kids into the program."

She believes that the biggest improvement in the program is that it has 39 new transferable classes.

Many students, such as Nataly Parra, culinary arts student, appreciate the new facility and feel it will help with

their college experience

Parra said, "The kitchen is a big difference. It's a lot more space to work. I feel good that there's a lot of people involved in making this a better learning experience."

She stated that over the years it will only get better, especially better than the expensive schools.

Not only do students and staff feel the big change within the department, but Lacy did as well.

She felt that students are being trained as chefs, and with the training they receive at Cerritos College they can be hired for top paying jobs. In her eyes the program is expanding opportunities.

With the grand opening finally behind him, a fire burned in Pierini's eyes as he said, "We're never done setting new goals in culinary arts."

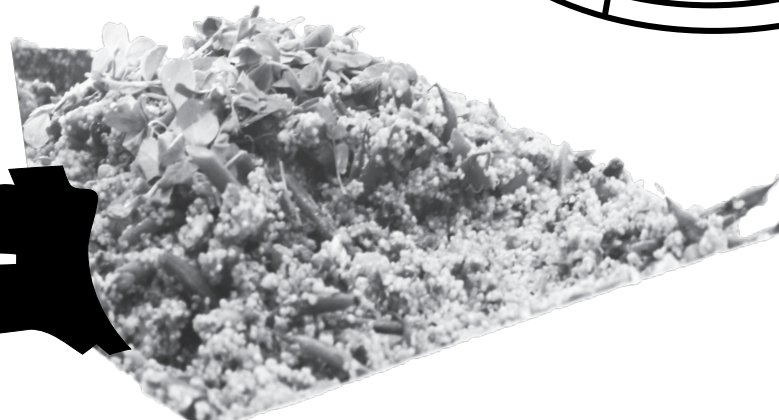


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College alumna recounts cancer

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A decade after being treated for cancer, Wendy Solorio returned to Cerritos College for a presentation on her book titled "Mexicancer" on Monday.

Monica Lopez, Cerritos College librarian organized the event for Hispanic Heritage Month with the help of the committee.

She was able to request funds to give Solorio an honorarium and give away free copies of "Mexicancer," which details her experience as a young cancer patient.

At age 19, Solorio was diagnosed with bone cancer, which abruptly changed the way she went about her every day.

One of the changes the author described was having to change her major.

She went from majoring in journalism over to communications.

Solorio said, "It kind of sucked, because I love journalism and I got pretty far out there, my last gig was at TMZ, a lot of people don't consider that journalism."

"I realized it was going to be too hard for me to finish [...] I'm still able to write, [...] so switching to communications ended up being the best thing for me."

In her journey, Solorio had her

leg amputated, a process she describes in her book.

Lopez expressed that she appreciated Solorio's honesty.

"[...]that is what I appreciated from her. I said 'you know if you feel the way you feel, you feel it, so you have to appreciate her honesty,'" Lopez said.

Lopez had Bernice Watson, media production specialist, record the event in order to have the people who couldn't attend watch it at a later time.

"I know a lot of times people, they're not here in the evening or they have conflicts, so they'll be able to go back to it. There are a lot of students able-bodied or not that will appreciate her story," Lopez noted.

Of her raw honesty, Solorio expressed "I'm one of those people that is tired of the way the media presents cancer they pull at people's heart-strings to get money and it's getting old to me."

Solorio added, "I think it is important for people to start showing the really ugly side of it, the raw side of it, because I think you help people more that way instead of 'no, you have to be inspirational'."

"With this book hopefully I can inspire people to be more real about their experiences. If it is not cancer it is other stuff," she said.



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An Amazon best seller: Cerritos College alum, Wendy Solorio (left) explains how the bone cancer spread in her left leg. Monica Lopez (right) and the audience listen during Solorio's book, "Mexicancer" presentation on Monday evening in the Tele-conference Center.

Star Wars game beta is promising

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Star Wars: Battlefront's open beta went live over the weekend and ended on Tuesday, allowing eager gamers and Star Wars fans alike to finally take to the skies over Hoth and chase down Tie Fighters in their X-Wings and much more.

The beta delivers an authentic Star Wars feel that fans will love.

There were a total of three game modes available in the beta: Drop Zone, Walker Assault and Missions.

The objective of Drop Zone is to fight and take control over pods that randomly crash-land on the map.

The second game mode was Walker Assault.

Players can take control of A-Wings and Tie Interceptor fighters, AT-ST Walkers and the mighty AT-AT Walker.

Of course, this is a beta so there are some flaws. The biggest flaw is a guaranteed win if you are the Empire.

Hopefully, the game developers help fix this issue by making the game more balanced.

Mission is Dice's excuse for a campaign mode in the game.

This beta gave players a small taste on what's to come in the actual game, which is scheduled to release on Nov. 17.



Non-traditional media: Contemporary artist, Patrick Martinez, showcases his 'carniceria (2015) piece among others. The neon painting focuses in bringing sublime beauty to things that aren't traditionally thought as conventionally beautiful.

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Latin Culture Brought to Art Gallery

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The 3rd Los Angeles SUR: bienial art exhibition held an opening reception in the evening at the art gallery on Oct. 8.

The exhibition features contemporary artists that are connected in some way to Latin America and the Caribbean.

James MacDevitt, director and curator of the art gallery ,explained that the gallery has a southern regional focus.

"The word SUR is Spanish for South. It is sort of focused on an orientation toward the south of the United States. Any country south of the U.S. sort of qualifies and fits into that mandate," MacDevitt said.

There are five solo artists: Guillermo Bert, Daniel Lara, Beatriz Cortez, Patrick Martinez, Rebeca Mendez, and a collective group called CUBO.

"We don't really focus so much on the ethnicity of the artists; we recognize that Latin America is a and always has been really a multicultural space. We sort of look at a number of people who have connections to the south," MacDevitt said.

The focus for this exhibition is the artists worked with technology, which is non-traditional media.

One of the members of the

CUBO Collective group present at the reception was Nina Waisman.

The CUBO collective group's piece, Impediment (2011), is made with short to long wood slats that hang from the ceiling, on the slats they have proximity sensors attached plus speakers to emit the various sounds when one goes through the slats to reference the U.S. and Mexican border.

"There is more space at the bottom and we were thinking about how most of the passage ways to get to the border are sort of open at first then the closer you get, the more constrained it is," Waisman said.

"These are literally the sounds you hear in the U.S. side of the border; you hear all these processing sounds and it is a muddle. Once you cross the border and go to Tijuana, you hear clear sounds such as people working, and signs of life that are difficult," Waisman added.

She also said that CUBO wants everyone to take the piece in their own terms.

Alysia Ponce, fine arts major, appreciated the culture aspects of the art piece, Patrick Martinez's 'Carniceria (2015)' piece.

"I liked how he used mixed media, and the whole cultural side to it. It also is kind of funny and I can relate to the bars on the windows, the colors, and the flowers he used too."



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Highlighting accomplishment: Political Science professor Falcon presented the Latinos in Politics panel. Each member spoke of their motivation and beginnings in politics.

Latinos in politics panel showcases perseverance

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United by their ambitious "why not me" attitude, three Latinos in power positions educated and inspired the Cerritos College Community at the Latinos in Politics panel on, Oct. 8.

California state senator Tony Mendoza, representative for Linda Sanchez, Angelina Mancillas, and teacher Dr. Olga Rios were all part of the panel celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Everyone spoke of the roadblocks laid out for them as members of a minority group and the socioeconomic disadvantages of their journey.

Rios, a middle school teacher, recounted definitive moments in her life, including joining the Upper Bound Program which celebrates identity and instilled in her the idea to go to college.

"[...] I bought into that idea of 'how am I going to know if I could

get in if I don't at least try?' My whole idea was 'I'm going to put myself out there and if it happens, it happens' and it did," Rios expressed.

According to Rios, simply applying to Harvard was what helped her get in.

Her involvement in her community and the programs she was a part of set her apart from other people.

Rios believes it is the responsibility of the community to get involved in some level.

Angelina Mancillas, who is currently serving as the Director for Community Outreach at the office of Linda Sanchez, began her career in Washington D.C. writing law.

The South Gate native is a Cerritos College alum who saw her start in politics after obtaining a fellowship.

Mancillas, like Rios, spoke of the culture shock she experienced when arriving at the nation's capitol.

"I came from South Gate and the University of California Riverside, which was pretty multicultural, and went to Washington D.C. where

that's not really the case especially when you're working in the halls of congress," she noted.

She expressed that the goal of the organization that sent her to Washington D.C. is to diversify the federal government by bringing students from low-income communities.

Mancillas stressed the importance of doing internships while in college and looking for opportunities even when it seems like there aren't many.

Perseverance was also the story of Tony Mendoza, state senator, who gave up on college many times before successfully graduating from Cal State Long Beach.

The panel, which highlighted these accomplishments, inspired students such as Joudie Villa, a social work major.

"I had Ms. Rios as a teacher in middle school, so seeing her get this far inspired me more. At first, I was here because I was offered extra credit, but now maybe I am thinking of getting involved in politics," Villa said.



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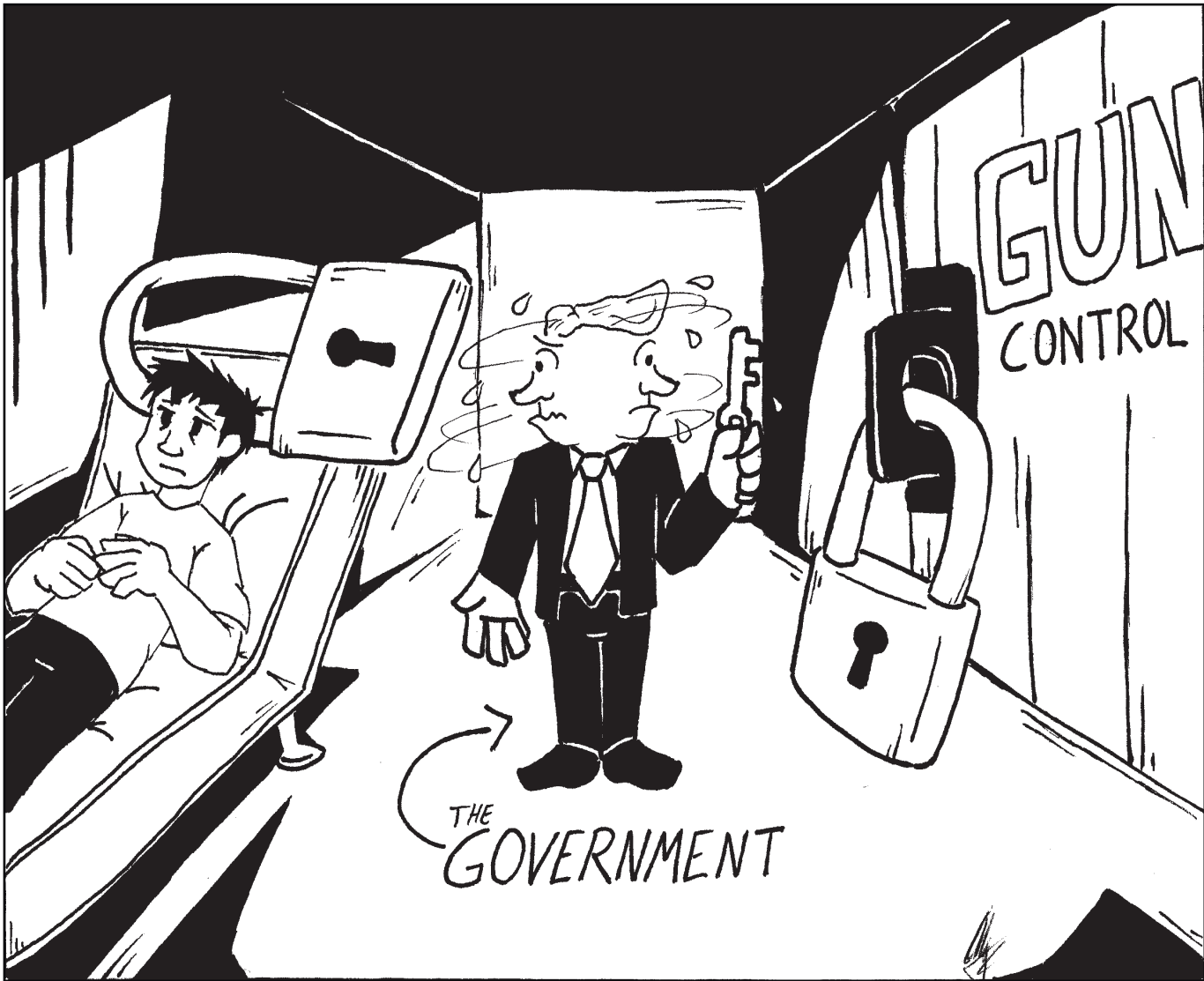
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Government should invest in helping people, not guns

Umpqua, Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook, Columbine. These are just some of the more recent names burned into our collective memories as a nation. These acts of terrorism cost the lives of many and in the aftermath, people are looking for answers.

Unfortunately, in the search for a reason behind these acts, two things are thrown into the ring of discussion: gun control and mental health.

The debate shouldn't be about gun control, it should be about education on mental health.

But nothing gets done.

One popular belief is that mental illness has something to do with these school shootings.

The media will paint the aggressor as some sort lone wolf, outsider, loner-type and throw out phrases like, "with history mental illness" or "suffered from."

People don't understand that correlation does not mean causation.

In our effort to understand the why of these things, we stigmatize and isolate those who live with mental illness.

If we must continue to bring mental health into these debates after a shooting, whether its related or not, then let's actually do something about it.

Like many things in our culture, the mistreatment and misunderstanding of individuals with mental illness, comes down to education.

Many people feel uncomfortable talking about mental health and don't

know how to address it without causing harm or in a way that doesn't reinforce negative stereotypes.

Just a point of reference as to why the conversation should focus on mental health instead of gun control is that, according to gunviolencearchive.org the number of gun related incidents as of Oct. 13 were 41,016.

A total of 10,352 of which were lethal.

Those are high numbers and it does call for a nation-wide conversation on gun control.

But to put it in perspective:

One in five adults in the U.S., or 43.7 million, or 18 percent, live with mental health problems.

One in five people ages 13 to 25, or 21.4 percent, experiences a severe mental disorder at some point during their life. For children ages 8 to 15, the estimate is 13 percent.

In the LGBTQ community ranging from ages 10 to 24, suicide is one of the leading causes of death.

LGBTQ youth are four times more likely and questioning youth are three times more likely to attempt suicide, experience suicidal thoughts or engage in self-harm more than heterosexual people.

By race, in the 16.3 percent of Hispanic adults live with a mental health condition, 18. 6 percent of black adults, 13. 9 percent of Asian adults and in American Indian and Alaskan Native

adults, there are 28.3 percent living with mental health conditions.

These staggering numbers via the Nation Alliance of Mental Illness, show just how much more important mental health is than gun control.

We have to work together and learn to stop stigmatizing those with mental health conditions, to humanize them and help them live with or overcome the more serious conditions.

We need to start using language that will create a positive environment for healing and understanding, to shake off the stereotypes that create a negative and ultimately harmful image of those with mental health conditions.

There can be a better quality of life for them, because they are not alone.

We must invest in creating a more supportive and educated network and resources everything from stress and anxiety to bi-polar disorder or schizophrenia to name a few.

A few good resources are:
For the LGBTQ community: The Trevor Project provides a national 24-hours toll-free confidential suicide hotline for LGBTQ youth at 866-488-7386. The Trevor Project also provides an online chat and confidential text messaging—text "Trevor" to 202-304-1200.

For teens and young adults there is <http://ok2talk.org>.

For veterans there is: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>, which provides a number of resources for mental and physical health.

Disney prices skyrocket

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Disneyland raised their annual prices once again, and they're higher than the Millennium Falcon has ever gone before. "Star Wars Land" can be largely responsible for this inflation.

The latest addition was announced a few months ago to take advantage of the new film coming out this December and unfortunately that is not the big problem, the real problem is that Disney has planned major changes for their inaugural park.

Starting January 2016, Disneyland will permanently close Big Thunder Ranch, and temporarily close Pirate's Lair, formerly known as Tom Sawyer's Island, the popular Fantasmic water spectacular, all boat/ship attractions and the railroad that goes all around the park.

People who plan to get annual passports will not get the entire Disney experience they're looking for.

The Star Wars experience can't take all

the blame however.

Disney raises their prices simply because they can.

Even though this inflation is an outrage, this isn't the first time it has happened.

In 2004, the Premium pass, now known as Signature or Signature Plus cost pass holders \$329 per pass.

As of now, the Signature and Signature Plus passports cost \$849, with about a week of blackout dates, and \$1,049 for no blackout dates.

The magical conglomerate knows that people will continue to pour whatever money they can to escape the real world and enter a fantasy land.

However, with \$99 one-day park tickets, and increased annual ticket prices, many families will have to stick to more affordable parks, or not go anywhere at all.

Memories will have to be made elsewhere, because "The Happiest Place on Earth" is quickly becoming the most expensive place on Earth, Endor and Hoth.

King of Fighters 2014 for 2016?

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Keeping fans waiting for three years, the King of Fighters franchise gets a shot to what could lead to its definitive end or rise.

The long awaited video game, King of Fighters 2014, had a presentation in Tokyo Game Show mid-September in Chiba, Japan bringing more questions than answers to its fans.

For an upcoming title that will compete against other modern fighting games, it lacks high definition visuals that may turn many fans down and hoping that this may not be the final look of the product.

What most of the audience forgot is that SNK Playmore the company behind the game faced a big fall by the end of the 2000s and with no many options at hand it found

itself selling the franchise to Chinese company, Leyou Technology.

This explains the change of animation in the last two games, which did not make enough sales and did not fulfill the expectations of many players such as a lacking of new characters and an unusual gameplay for the story mode.

One of the complaints by many fans was the fact that Kyo, the main character of the franchise, had been rebooted to a younger look than in previous games.

This design follows the same ways of Athena, which is a female character that has been facing a de-aging process over the years making the fighter look more like a middle-schooler rather than a college student.

This kind of rebooting techniques does not allow the characters to grow up along side the fans and can be quite risky enabling the

storyline to be affected.

Still, the biggest doubt regards on the game fighting system.

Will it feature the traditional 3 versus 3 characters fighting mode or will it go back to its rare one versus one version from the Maximum Impact spin-off?

But what really bothers the oldest fans of the series lays in the story mode, wondering if it will be another of its famous "Dream-match" installations or if it will continue the storylines from Maximum Impact and XIII, which leaves the audience in two big cliff hangers with potential.

The final results will define the fate of SNK audiences to either keep on hoping for their favorite fighting game to adapt to a modern video game culture or to finally consider the King of Fighters dead for sure.

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What will you order from the In-N-Out next door?

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DAVID ALVAREZ
Undecided major

"I can't wait for the burgers and shakes, especially the protein burgers, which are just lettuce in place of buns with the meat patty in between."

RUDY LOPEZ
Early Childhood Development major

"I look forward to their wonderful burgers and very sweet shakes. I usually order a protein burger with a soft drink."

NAOMI CASTORELA
Business major

"The animal fries are my favorite because I love fries and cheese. I always order it without anything except cheese. I'll go twice a month because it is expensive to eat out."

MATT POSTREL
Woodworking major

"Probably just the Double-Double is what I am looking forward to. The menu at In-N-Out is limited. You just have burgers, shakes and fries to choose from."

KARINA TELLO
Liberal arts major

"My favorite is its shakes, especially the chocolate flavor. I usually order a hamburger with fries combo but to make it easier when I order is I ask for my hamburger to be plain and sometimes I ask for cheese."

ANGEL ROJAS BREAKS RECORD



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Freshman scores
most goals in a game,
breaking school record

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Freshman Angel Rojas broke the school record for the most goals in a game against Chaffey College.

On Oct. 7 Rojas scored 11 goals against the Panthers.

Rojas broke the school record earlier this season and tied his own record in the first game against Gannon, Pennsylvania University this season and tied it against Penn State Behrend University when the team traveled to Annapolis, Maryland to play four games.

"I wasn't thinking about breaking the record and it happened and I

thought we did a pretty good job in the game," Rojas

said.

The men's water polo team hosted Chaffey College for its fourth conference game of the season.

The Falcons defeated the Panthers 22-9 to improve its record to 4-0 in the South Coast Conference.

The men's water polo team had a 15 game winning streak and are 18-6 in the season.

The team went 2-2 in the Riverside City College Tournament. Over the weekend, the men's water polo team had its winning streak snapped to Golden West College, losing 5-15 last Friday.

The last loss the Falcons had dates back to Sept. 11 when they lost in a close game to Citrus College falling 19-20 in a sudden death overtime game.

Cerritos College will now play conference opponent Los Angeles Trade-Tech College this Wednesday.

In the first period of the game against Chaffey, Cerritos College scored a total of nine goals with Rojas being responsible for three of them.

Sophomore Marlon Moreno also contributed with three goals

in the first period of the game and finished the game with five goals.

Head coach Joe Abing said, "Another good win for us, we have a really challenging weekend ahead of us and we are going to play the top teams in state."

Abing on Rojas said about breaking the school record for most goals in a game, "I know he scores a lot of goals but I didn't know that until I heard them say it after the game. It's not surprising he's probably capable of scoring twenty (goals) if he wanted to."

Rojas in the second period added four more goals and the Falcons were up 15-6 at halftime. Rojas alone out-scored the opponent in the first half and in the game.

At the end of the game Rojas didn't only scored goals, but played solid defense and finished the game with five steals. The team had a total of 21 steals in the game against the Panthers.

Freshman goalie Brian Smith had a total of four saves in the game, while sophomore Alfredo De La Mora had three saves in the game, and freshman Ariel Prado-Madera had two saves against Chaffey College.

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Holmes leads comeback to win Milk Can

El Camino College slip-up allows for Cerritos College comeback win

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What are the chances of a falcon wounding a warrior? In the animal kingdom, chances are pretty slim. However, that’s exactly what happened last Saturday, on the gridiron.

Cerritos College had a 19-0 run over the last 18 minutes to win the “Battle of the Milk Can” against rival El Camino College.

For head coach Frank Mazzotta the win means a lot more than the milk can itself.

“[John Featherstone] and I have known each other forever, we’ve coached against each other for 29 years. That milk can is a lot bigger deal than everybody thinks,” Mazzotta explained.

Following the game, Cerritos took the time to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of El Camino’s head coach John Featherstone, as he will be retiring come season’s end.

The two teams have competed for the trophy for the last 53 years, as Cerritos College still trails the rivalry 13-24-2, according to [cerritosfalcons.com](#).

Mazzotta tried to capture the importance of the war over the milk can, however, no such moment could be put into words.

After the game concluded Mazzotta hugged defensive back Anthony Murray and said, “It’s special isn’t it? It doesn’t get much sweeter than this.”

Murray compiled a total of four tackles and added an interception.

He was among the few who had experienced the taste before, but wanted to relish in the moment one more time.

“It feels good to be part of a tradition that has been going on for so long. I was blessed to win it last year and this year,” Murray admitted. “It’s the last time I’m going to play for that thing so that’s something I’ll remember forever.”

Cerritos will try and continue to ride that wave as it takes its 5-1 record on the road and will travel nearly 200 miles north to battle Allan Hancock College.

The defense made stops when need be in the eyes of coach Mazzotta. It even forced a couple of turnovers in interceptions by both Murray and DJ Reed and a forced

fumble by Dominique Leggett.

Although, the most important stops of the night came via the stop on fourth down with under a minute left as Alonzo Hansen got in the backfield for a game-sealing sack.

The front line didn’t have much push the entire night as El Camino quarterback Brent Boehm threw for almost 400 yards. However, the defense led by defensive tackle Raymond Price, tightened up when it mattered most.

“It all started after that first series, coach said we needed to make a play and I just took the challenge,” Price said.

Price ended the night with a game-high three and a half sacks.

For the second straight week, quarterback Jimmy Walker did not look like himself on the field. In spite of that, Walker did not throw an interception for the second straight game.

“Maybe it was me not focusing as much as I should’ve, being a little antsy,” Walker confessed.

More importantly, it was Walker who connected with wide receiver De’jai Whitaker to finally score the go-ahead points and put Cerritos in the lead for the first time in the game.

“It was really gratifying because we battled all game to come back and win. I’m proud of these guys, these guys earned it,” Walker proclaimed.

Walker finished the night 14 of 24, throwing for 213 yards, and two touchdowns.

Late in the game, Cerritos was forced to pass the ball a bit more because of the deficit. However, throughout the duration of the game it was the feet of Kishawn Holmes that kept the team in it.

“Tonight when the pass game wasn’t going so well, the run game kind of picked us up. The offensive line really [expletive] played their ass off,” Walker stated. “In the beginning I was really making too many plays, but like I said when I’m down they pick me up and when they’re down I pick them up.”

Holmes carried the ball a total of 30 times for 150 yards and two touchdowns.

Holmes has now scored four times in the last three games.

“I was just running, trusting in my line and I just ran. Ran for my life, it felt like I was in eight games at one time,” Holmes said with a glaring smile. “I’m just working as hard as I can and God willing I’m inside the end zone.”

Holmes wasn’t the only Falcon runner to find the end zone as Robert Gordon found the end zone twice as well that night.

(Top) Running back: Kishawn Holmes trying to get the referee’s attention as he crossed the goal line. Holmes ran for 150 yards and two touchdowns.

(Middle) Wide receiver faced masked: Cerritos’ College wide receiver Steven White No. 10 (left) attempts to catch the ball thrown at him but El Camino’s College Defensive back Demontay High No. 22 (right) face masks White, and High received a penalty. White had a team high with 87 total receiving yards in the game.

(Bottom right) Big defensive play: Cornerback Brandon Ezell defends the end-zone jumping high into the air. Ezell has a total of seven tackles in the season so far.

(Bottom left) Reading the defense: Cerritos’ College running back Kishawn Holmes No. 5 looks for a open gap in El Camino’s defense. In six games played Holmes has 491 rushing yards in the season so far.



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