



Sunday vigil: Hundreds gather outside the plaza on the east side of the University Student Union building at Cal State Long Beach to gather in prayer. The vigil was for Nohemi Gonzalez, CSULB student, and others affected by the Paris attack.

Paris attacks affect Cal State Long Beach; Vigil held Sunday

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Emotional shock waves were felt at Cal State Long Beach where family and friends gathered to mourn for Nohemi Gonzalez, a victim of the terrorist attack that struck Paris on Friday.

On Sunday, crowds of supporters filled the University Student Union(USU) building, each picking up a commemorative black-and-yellow ribbon at the entrance along with the opportunity to sign a memorial log book.

Lines extended outside of the USU building and additional seating had to be adjusted to accommodate the rest of the mourners.

They sat in front of a half-mast flag listening to the vigil through speakers, as loved ones remembered the 23-year-old industrial design student.

Many remembered Gonzalez as selfless, hardworking and bubbly; she was one of 17 CSULB students studying abroad at the Strate College of Design in Paris for the fall semester.

Planning to come home in December, Nohemi was anxious to reunite with her longtime boyfriend Tim Mraz.

Mraz shared personal idiosyncrasies about their four-year relationship, describing her as feisty and inspirational.

"I just wanted to say something about the positive energy that she always had, she was like a rabbit how her inspiration and attitude was for each and every one of us but

was always jumping around like a rabbit," Mraz said.

He explained that she had aspirations of working in the aerospace engineering field after she graduated from school.

Faculty and design students recounted stories about how she would playfully scold students when mismanaging equipment and stuck around after work just to help students through designs.

Department Chair of Design Martin Hermon, resonated the camaraderie that Gonzalez had instilled in the design program as a teaching assistant for the department.

"We entrusted her with the highest responsibilities as a student assistant in the [design] department and was beloved by all of our design students. She touched practi-

cally all of them because all of our [design] students must go through those classes," Hermon said.

After a few words by her friends and family, mourners gathered in the plaza on the east side of the USU building in prayer as members of the Bob Cole Conservatory chorus echoed across CSULB.

"She was instrumental in shepherding all of our students in their journey and she was always generous with her time, for knowledge and understanding and sometimes working outside of the clock and beyond hours," Hermon said.

While working as a teacher's assistant (TA), Mraz tutored and groomed Gonzalez through the duties as an aid, that's how they met four years ago, the couple also had dreams of one day running a shop and

working on designs together.

"She was teaching what I taught her, we met in shop class, we were both TAs and she ran that place, man, she owned it. Design (students) can tell you that was her place, that (was) her department, she was always first one in and last one out," said Mraz.

Alongside Mraz, Gonzalez' stepfather Jose Hernandez adjourned the vigil with choice words to remember Nohemi by.

"I'm trying to say something about 'Mimi', I see that you guys already knew her. "I see that all the things she did to you guys she did it to me, she'll always be with us, she'll always be here she'll always be in my heart and she'll be in everyone else's heart too she'll be roaming those halls just think that she's always here," Hernandez said.



Global Citizen: History Professor John Haas giving global citizen presentation in the Teleconference Center. The presentation centered on global competence.

Learning to be a global citizen

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International Education Week's Global Citizen was held in the Teleconference Center on Monday.

Norma Rodriguez, director of Student Program Services from the Office of International Student Services [OISS,] said the event "was a collaboration between the United States Department of State and the United States Depart-

ment of Education and the focus of internationalization is on peace building, on global learning and on the economic benefit of international resources."

Dr. John Haas, professor of history, and founder of the Global Consortium for Sustainable Peace was part of the presentation.

Haas shared with the audience, "As I was driving the car on the 605-freeway coming in I said to myself 'John, you have 30 slides here, what is it that you want to tell these students?'

"And you get down to the nitty gritty. The nitty gritty is the fact that we need to be globally competent."

He added, "And I tell my students that for me this is not just some catch phrase that we use but we have to understand peoples' cultures and we have to understand history and we have to speak other peoples' languages.

"We have just seen a chaos that has taken place in Paris, France and we need to kind of comprehend diversity - but there is no to-

tal answer for what it means to be globally competent"

History major, Tatiana Passano said, "I think that a lot of our ideas are filled with too much pride as Americans. Even though we are a diverse culture, I feel that some of us don't accept that. It's just too much pride."

Undecided major, Christopher Rodriguez said, "It's true that [the United States] are not the strongest country in the world anymore. We are not strong in science - we don't invent stuff anymore."

Trump resolution nixed

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Having recently hosted "Saturday Night Live," an NBC comedy show, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has been the topic everyone has been discussing.

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees has not been the exception.

On Oct. 7, Trustee Sandra Salazar requested a discussion item with the intent to talk about recent political discourse, Trump's rhetoric at the forefront.

The resolution represented a stance of support for the state senate who "dumped Trump."

To "dump Trump" means to encourage citizens and businesses to stray from doing business with Trump's enterprises.

The trustee said she felt a "moral obligation to speak up for those in the shadows," and lamented that "too many elected officials are afraid to speak up" for them.

The trustee felt that Trump's narrative of hate mongering affects the Cerritos College community, a Hispanic serving institution.

Salazar quickly assured members of the board that in discussing and supporting this item it would not be endorsing any candidates running for the United States presidency.

Board President Carmen Avalos, felt she couldn't support a resolution that targeted one person, although she disagreed with his rhetoric, and pointed out that she would much rather support a reso-

lution that supported students and diversity.

She said, "I realize they're good intentions. I support the things you're talking about. [...]"

"We have an obligation to our students and we're fulfilling them and providing them with everything we discussed at the table and it's not fair or right or our place as a college board and I will not support that."

On Nov. 5, the resolution was brought back to the board as administrative item No. 31.

Students and the occasional community members stood up one by one and took to the microphone during public comment to tell how immigration has affected their family.


That night, the board voted against the resolution and swiftly moved on to other matters.

As to why the Avalos voted no she expressed, "I think it's a philosophical ideology and the majority of the folks who sit on this board aren't going to condone hatred remarks."


She added, "However, I do think that as board members we should really stay away from the political arena in terms of the national presidential election [...]"

Trustee Salazar said, "I'm disappointed that we focused on the politics of it, what I'm trying to focus on is taking a stance against hate speech, promoting tolerance and really letting our students know that they can come to school without fear and truly give a voice to students who don't have a voice."


Timeline of terror attacks in Paris




9:20 p.m.




9:32 p.m.



9:40 p.m.



9:25 p.m.



11:00 p.m.

‘An attack against all of humanity’

- President Barack Obama’s message in the wake of the attacks in Paris.

French athletes describe feelings after terror attacks

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Born in Paris, France, Eliot Dota plays on the Cerritos College tennis team. Far from home, Dota feels nothing more than the urge to be in France with his family and friends in the aftermath of the terror-

ist attacks in Paris.

Attacks that the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria [ISIS] has claimed responsibility for.

Dota said he was at tennis practice when he heard the news.

He said, “I watched [the news] on television and in the beginning I didn’t believe it.”

He then contacted his parents. They confirmed the news and he thought it was crazy

Former Cerritos College tennis player Mathieu David was watching the France versus Germany friendly soccer match on

TV when he heard the bombs go off.

He said, “My first thoughts were ‘is this serious?’ After, I thought war is beginning.”

Dota said, “All the guys [were] shocked by this.”

Dota’s initial thoughts were, “why? Why do they do this?”

He has a family member that said she was on her way to the Bataclan concert hall where, according to the Los Angeles Times, gunmen killed 89 people.

“She said a family member is sick so I will not go to [the concert,]” Dota said. “[She was] so lucky.”

David’s sister was also in Paris at the time and had friends in the city. His family and friends went unharmed.

Dota calls everyday to keep in touch with relatives and friends to help ease his feeling of being far away.

After president Francois Hollande declared war on Syria, Dota felt like action was finally taking place, however , he condemns warfare and said he doesn’t want more bloodshed.

He said that when the attacks at the magazine Charlie Hebdo took place, he felt the government did not do enough.

“Many people in France need this to

get the feeling of revenge,” he said.

“It’s a revenge for extremists to do this attack, it’s not because of nothing it’s a revenge,” Dota said.

Dota said he does admire how the attacks united the people of France.

However he feels that after three months the news will be old.

He finds it comforting to see people “standing” with France.

“I think it’s good of the world, I’m happy of this. This was horrible for France and when people write about this or it goes on TV it’s good for all the people of the world to know what happened,” He said.

‘She survived by a miracle’

Blood donors decide to give back

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Keely Golden, engineering major, sat with her friend Ameline Villalobos, math major, in line waiting to donate blood.

The American Red Cross was on campus hosting a blood drive , the Cerritos College campus is a desirable site given the fact that it always runs a blood drive on campus.

The wind conjured up on Monday kept some people indoors, but not Golden and her friend Villalobos as they braced the ice-cold wind to give their blood.

Some, like Villalobos, have been donating blood for quite some time.

However, others, like Golden, give blood for a specific reason.

She hopes that her blood can one day save a life, the way it saved her friend.

Golden’s friend was in a life-threatening car accident about eight months ago.

She was in a T-bone car accident where a car collided with hers down the middle of her car.

She was severely hurt in her hip area and was losing a lot of blood.

Golden said, “I was the first person to get to her, she had to be helicoptered to the hospital.”

She said she knew about the accident before her friend’s family.

“She lost a lot of blood, but in the end she made a great recovery,” Golden said. “She survived by a miracle.”

She credits blood donors as part of the reason why her friend lived through the car accident.

She said, “I feel like by me donating, I feel like I should contribute to help other people.”

Villalobos said she has donated blood in many different locations.

Her tips for people that are to nervous to donate are:

- Take a friend
- Don’t think about it much

- Eat a lot
- Drink a lot of liquid
- Go to the restroom before

because the cold rooms where they extract the blood make you want to use the restroom.

- Bring your favorite sweater.

Louie Bernardo, undecided, volunteered with the Red Cross’ blood drive.

He said, “I found out about [the blood drive] through Project H.O.P.E.”

Bernardo has never volunteered before.

He said, “If you’re going to be related in the health field, it’s good to be part of something like this.”

Bernardo has an interest in nursing.

According to Bernardo, people can, not only donate blood, but can also donate bone marrow.

The blood drive will continue on the Cerritos College campus until Thursday and will start up again Feb. 8 thru 11, 2016.


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Sticking to the classics: Tammy Tsai, music instructor, performing the violin at the Faculty Gala. The piece she played was *Sonata in A Major Op. 100* by Johannes Brahms at the Faculty Gala this last Sunday.

Burnight Theatre hosts Gala

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There aren't many concert halls in close proximity to the residents of Norwalk, according to Andrew Maz, chair of the music department at Cerritos College.

"If you want to see a concert in this area, you have the Cerritos Performing Arts Center, which isn't doing much these days, downtown Los Angeles and Santa Ana," he said.

That's just one of the reasons for the Faculty Gala, which was hosted at the Burnight Center Theatre, this last Sunday.

Maz added that the Faculty Gala also brings classical music to the surrounding community.

The other reason is to raise money for scholarships for music students.

There were several performances by Cerritos College faculty including:

- Andrew Maz, performing J.S. Bach on the

guitar.

- Tammy Sai, violin, Cheri Hutchison, viola, Manon Robertshaw, cello and Peggy Lee, piano performing Mozart.

- Sung Ae Lee and Christine S. Lopez on the piano performing Gabriel Fauré.

- Tammi Sai, violin and Bruce Russell on piano performing Johannes Brahms.

- Conrad Immel baritone singer with Christine S. Lopez on the piano.

- Paul DaSilva and Christine S. Lopez on piano performing Claude Debussy.

- Keren Schweitzer, flute and Sung Ae Lee on piano performing Theobald Boehm.

- Christine S. Lopez and Greg Schreiner on piano performing Richard Addinsell.

Sung Ae Lee, piano professor, said, "I felt great, always excited to be on the stage and sharing my music. It was really fun."

She said that playing the piano has been her joy and her outlet to express her passion and love for music.

"It's always exciting playing for an audi-

ence especially if there's a student. I feel like this is going to be highly educational opportunity to learn about classical music and have that appreciation," she said.

Betty and Joe Imperato, residents of Norwalk, were in attendance of the gala and enjoyed the music.

"I loved the classical guitar and we were here for the piano, but I loved the flute, she was outstanding," Betty said.

"The whole program was really well done, we know Paul DaSilva personally, he plays the piano at our church," Joe said.

The gala enjoyed a good turnout, said Dr. Christine Lopez.

"Of course it's always hard to see from the stage. You try to judge it from the clapping, but I can't always tell," she said jokingly.

Lopez had been performing in the gala for 22 years.

"Today I was comfortable with all the pieces, some of them I've played before like the Debussy or Fauré," she added.

Improv with all-star alumni

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An average person would find the idea of being on stage without a script a daunting prospect, but Cerritos College alumna Oralia Urias doesn't only perform improv, she uses her nervousness to fuel her performances.

She said, "As a performer I believe you never overcome the nervous, instead you channel that into your performance. The interesting and scary part about improv is that you don't have a script to fall back on, it is all on you and your partner to create the space and the scene."

Urias is performing in the Theatre Department's Bring Them Back Alive event, which celebrates the campus's 30th Anniversary of the Generic Improvisational Peep Show (GIPS) on Dec. 4, 5, 10-12 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 13 at 2 p.m.

Urias said she is looking forward to working alongside different generations from GIPS.

She has been doing improv for five years.

She said, "Growing up I would watch the show 'Whose Line Is It Anyway,' so that was my first taste of improv."

Urias has one piece of advice for nervous improv students, "Whatever [the students] do on stage, commit to it. The audience would much rather see performers get something completely wrong with confidence than see performers constantly second guess themselves."

GIPS was started in 1985 by Kevin Hoaggard, a now retired Cerritos College theatre professor.

Hoggard started GIPS as an outreach program to help recruit local high schools and to increase the visibility of the Cerritos College theatre program.

"When we began, few people knew what improv was. Now, it is an

essential part of every actor training program in the country. Almost every comic actor in current movies and TV has a strong background in improv," Hoggard said.

This show is a way to bring alumni back to Cerritos, and to have different generations of actors perform together on the stage where they learned their skills.

One famous alum was Steve Carrell, who made an appearance in the 2006 Bring Them Back Alive performance.

He performed on stage with co-director Forrest Hartl.

"As to whether Steve Carell will again drop in unannounced on a performance at this year's Bring Them Back Alive...well, you'll have to ask Forrest," Hoggard added.

The GIPS has been performing in several high schools in the area, including Gahr, Downey and El Rancho for decades, according to director Hartl.

"Many of our alumni were once high school students that saw improvisation for the first time because of the GIPS. The shows motivated them to attend Cerritos and study improv. And the GIPS touring class is still offered every spring semester," Hartl said.

He believes that students are drawn to improv because of the thrill of making something up on the spot.

Hartl said, "Improv has a live, unpredictable quality that always surprises both the actor and audience. [The members] of our cast have their own unique sense of humor, but the challenge of improv is cooperating with other improvisers."

According to Hartl, the event will have many of its classic improvised games. Each night will have different GIPS alumni performing.

He said, "Each night will be different with little surprises and twists that will make you want to see it more than once."

Fashion show displays culture

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Cerritos College is hosting its second annual International Education Week, sponsored by the Office of International Student Services, which started on Monday and will continue through Thursday with various events to enlighten students on different cultures.

Students, faculty, staff and administrators came together to put on a fashion show to showcase the history of Mexican fashion from the different regions of Mexico.

The fashion show is part of a series of events that Cerritos is conducting as a way for the college to bring light to international education.

The collection that the models were wearing was brought by Genevieve Barrios, the director of community programs at the Bowers Museum.

Barrios created these presentations not only of the Mexican culture, but of others as well to promote the beauty that different cultures have to offer.

Barrios said, "You don't just educate the people about the culture, you also educate the models about the richness that there is to any culture. In the Mexican culture, it always amazes me on how little some people know about history."

"A lot can be said and definitely seen through what men and women wore from the different regions in Mexico."

Barrios also went on to speak about how the clothes are more than just articles that you wear, but also a statement to who the Mexican people are.

The fashion show also allowed the spectators to take part in the show and experience it by actually getting to wear some of the pieces Barrios brought in that were not worn by the models.

One of those spectators was Patricia Smith, director of community education.

"I really like this because I did not know much about the different Mexican garb and wear so it was cool to learn about that by seeing the different students and people who work here model those items of clothing," Smith said.

Not all the models used for the fashion show were of Mexican descent, instead they were from different cultures.

The purpose of this week is to mix and blend people together from different backgrounds and get students to become more culturally understanding.

David Tilahun, international admission specialist, said, "We want these students to become globally aware and become a better person in serving the United States by hosting these events, but a week is not enough."

He also expressed how Norma Rodriguez, director of student services, wants to extend these events throughout the year and as of right now, events are being planned.

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So have you ever wondered who calls the shots around here? Probably not, but let's say you have.

The staff here at Talon Marks can write articles about it, shoot videos and

other aspects of media, but why do that when we can have you play around with it.

So instead, we created an interactive piece with click able links where you get a sense of how these board of trustees meet and discuss policies and agendas.

There will be some reading, but at least it looks cool.



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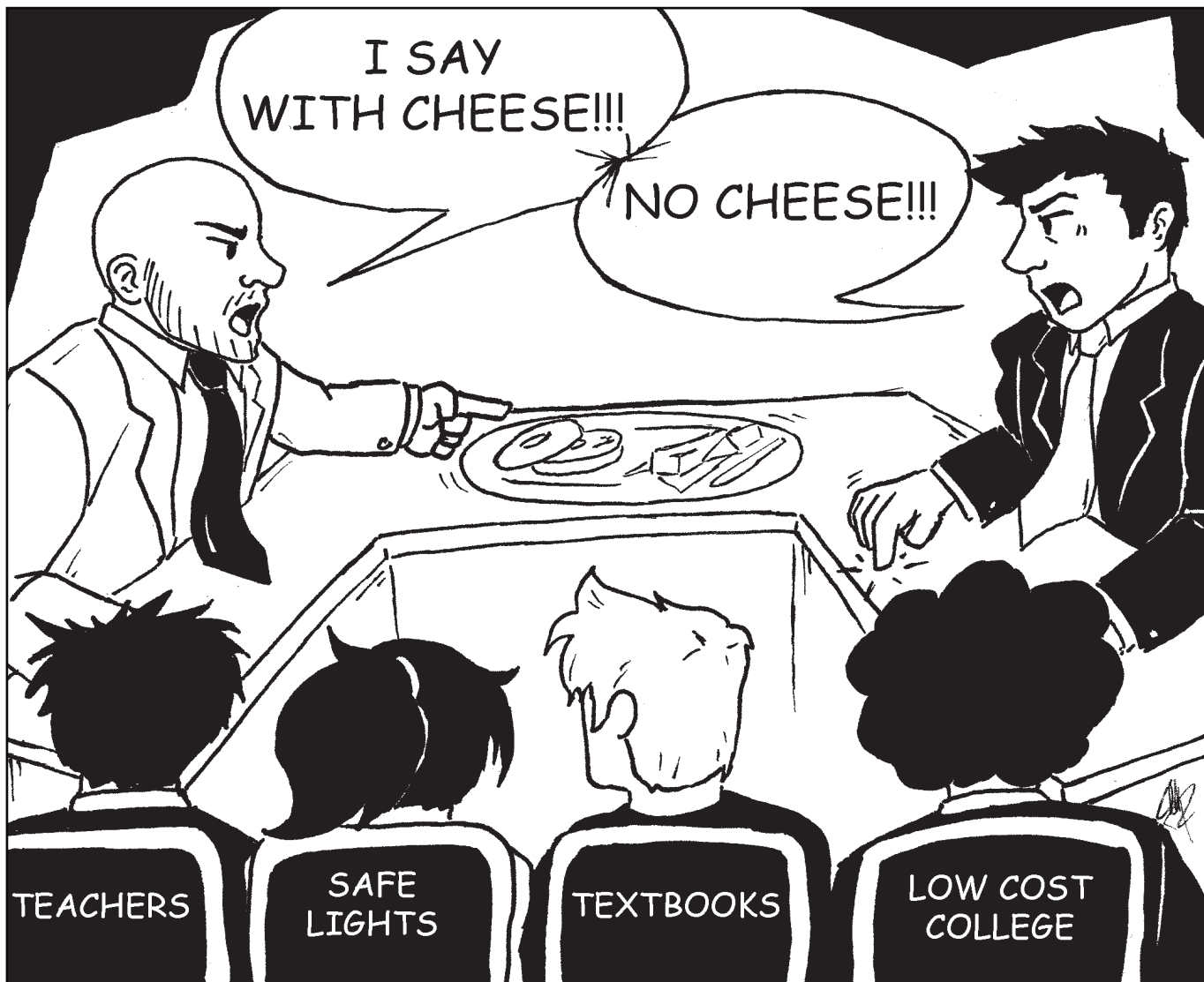
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Board of trustees debates over unimportant issues

When dealing with a community, which is more productive? Symbolism or proactive approach; should one exist without the other?

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees could be doing a better job of discussing items that directly affect the student population.

As of late, the board has spent a sizeable amount of time going back and forth on topics such as the Trump resolution, which was a topic of discussion on Oct. 7 and on Nov. 5 that only take a stance but wage no direct action.

The Trump resolution reiterates the board's intolerance over hate speech, which is important, but comes off as eight individuals reassuring the community that they are decent people.

Rest assured, the community knows that this is why the board members were elected to take the position they now hold.

Left in a quite important and growing stack, a set of resolutions that directly help the Cerritos College population, sit waiting patiently.

Resolutions that could be on the floor like, an increase in brighter lighting for the campus, safety training for night professors when it comes to active shooters or emergencies in general,

broader safety training for students, which lay unwritten.

While it is not a bad idea to take a stance on the hateful rhetoric being spewed by someone running for office, it is fair to ask if it is the job of the board to do so.

The board rejected the resolution on the grounds that it must represent an entire community and there isn't a unanimous disdain for Trump in said community.

As powerful as it was to have the college community band together against hate, it is only a symbolic act.

This act would lead to nothing but giving the college a political stance.

Instead, the community could take a more proactive route and offer AB-540 students better resources and aid the growing Dreamers Club.

Action is the keyword in this situation, and these meetings are not being held wisely.

Now, the people who pushed to pass the Trump resolution were definitely in good faith [A stand against a political figure like Trump is important.]

However, signing off on a resolution that says, "We don't support Trump" virtually changes nothing.

The recent board meetings have

taken up weeks of time on arguing over value-based issues.

School and politics should not mix in such a way.

The Board of Trustees, along with the involved community, should focus less on political scandals and more on the original task, student success.

Donald Trump hasn't come down to thank us for support, Cerritos College isn't suddenly seen as a supporter of hate speech and the board members have not come out as Trump supporters.

Whether or not the board agreed on this resolution, the argument wasted the time that could have been used to discuss real issues.

Why not use that time to discuss the possible transition from an 18 week semester to 16 week semester?

What about discussing all the money in reserves?

Nope.

But how about a tedious political debate on the biggest joke in presidential candidate history?

Trump is a jerk, we get it, but our goal as a college is to push for success and the board of trustees should not be wasting time with these petty issues.

It's time to get back to the roots and sustain our core values.

Hate towards a red cup

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Everyone has heard about the infamous seasonal red cup Starbucks recently released for the upcoming winter season.

However, not everyone is too pleased with the more simplistic cup, believing that Starbucks took Christmas designs as a reflection on the company's attitude toward Jesus Christ.

That is not the case.

Starbucks is making a statement in which the cup is a blank canvas that is to remain neutral and inviting to people of all religious backgrounds.

The Los Angeles Times quoted Joshua Feuerstein in an email he sent to the Washington Post, in which he said that the cup was a larger war against Christianity in America by not including traditional festive designs.

In all honesty, it was a smart move on the company's part to leave the cup open to interpretation as to how different people

view the winter season since not everyone celebrates Christmas during that time of year.

How does not having a snowman, a sleigh, snowflakes or Santa Clause offensive to the Christian faith?

It is mind boggling to think how one religious group feels offended to it.

What about the people who do not celebrate Christmas?

They can say the same about having festive designs put on the cup.

If festive designs are what these people want, then they should grab a marker and draw them on.

That is the beauty of the solid red cup.

Customers can buy a cup of coffee that can be as creative as they want without it being the same as the person next to them.

At the end of the day it is just a cup.

There are far more important things that people should spend their time thinking about instead of a seasonal cup.

Before you know it, this nonsense issue will be gone just as soon as it came.

The Dark Knight will rise again

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In an era where a movie that hasn't even hit theaters yet, the rumors for a sequel or spin-off can't be helped.

It has been confirmed so far that Ben Affleck will still portray the Caped Crusader and at the same time direct the film.

Chris Terrio, former writer of the screenplay for the upcoming Justice League movies, is attached to the project, which is rumored to be titled "The Batman."

Some fans have come to conclusions that the previews seen in the ["Batman v Superman"] trailers leads to a Bruce Wayne who has already faced the loss of a Boy Wonder, which may lead to the rise of the famous anti-hero Red Hood.

Just a long story made short, Red Hood is the resurrected ver-

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Who would compose your life soundtrack?

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"Probably Beethoven just because it's classic you can't go wrong with classical music. You can't really say there is anyone that doesn't like classical music."



MELIZZA HERNANDEZ
Math major

"I like David Guetta's music because you can just feel it through your body. I feel like it goes with my life."

IVAN MAQUEDA
Computer Science major

"The Weeknd, because his album was really good with upbeat music."



DAVID JENKINS
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"Hans Zimmer, the guy who did the Inception soundtrack, because it is very intense music that starts off slowly."

VANESSA ACOSTA
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"It would be Mumford and Sons because that is my all-time favorite band and Adele because her music has a lot of meaning to it."



sion of the second Robin, Jason Todd, who was murdered in the hands of the Joker and resurrected as a new anti-hero.

If that would be the case, the plot of the movie will probably be based on the Death in a Family and Under the Red Hood story line, which are two of the most famous stories in Batman history.

The movie is planned to come out by 2020, after concluding what it appears to be the studio's "Phase One" movie plans.

But the studio is rushing to make it possible to release by 2018.

The plan to bring the Dark Knight back onto the big screens in a solo feature is a good move from Warner Brothers Studio, due that alongside Superman, both characters have been exploited for almost three decades straight on film.

Such characters seem to be used to open up a cinematic universe and introduce other characters from the

DC comics that the audience hasn't seen and explored before.

"Suicide Squad," for example, which will be released in theaters in late 2016, will bring a new Joker and the long waited appearance of Harley Quinn.

At the same time, these beloved characters will be alongside lesser known characters such as The Enchantress, El Diablo, Katana, just to name a few, whom grab the attention of new and dedicated fans of DC comics.

Facing against a good opponent (Marvel studios,) Warner Brothers better use these upcoming movies wisely and seriously to be able to catch up.

Not to the point to make the films too adult oriented but to be faithful to the origins and chemistry of these interesting characters, and that starts by fixing the bad reviews of Green Lantern and the bullied reputation of Aquaman.



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Football ready for playoffs: Quarterback Jimmy Walker targets wide receiver De'Jai Whitaker in the second quarter of last Saturday's game. Walker and Whitaker connected for four touchdowns en route to a 44-15 win against College of the Canyons.

Rekindling an age-old rivalry

Cerritos and Long Beach City look to revive over 50 years of football tradition this Saturday

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It's safe to say it's no love lost between the Cerritos Falcons and the Long Beach City Vikings. And on Saturday, it will only come to a head as both teams will battle it out on the field for a chance to move on in the state playoffs.

"We haven't played them for a couple of years so there will be a rivalry, but it's not going to be like it was in the past," head coach Frank Mazzotta said.

There have been different theories as to why the two storied teams haven't played in recent memory. Mazzotta gave his opinion on why he feels the pair haven't squared off.

"[Long Beach] didn't want to play us for the last couple of years," Mazzotta ex-

plained. "And it really makes me mad because their coach (Brad Peabody) basically said we didn't want to play them and that wasn't the truth, but we'll settle that when we play Satur."

Quarterback Jimmy Walker admitted this game is big for the coaches as not too many of the players know each other aside from playing in high school.

"But I'm happy to be a part of a tradition and a legacy," Walker said.

Mazzotta went on to say that the two teams will continue to play each other from this point on, even if it is only a preseason matchup.

There will be some familiar faces on the other side when the Falcons line up across from the Vikings.

Former Cerritos redshirt and grey shirt, Royce Moore and Darren Johnson, are now a defensive catalyst for the Long Beach defense.

"I was really disappointed when Royce left. Darren never really latched on with us," Mazzotta said.

However, Mazzotta did express some frustration about the way Moore left Cerritos.

"I don't know why Royce left. I know we had a couple of [running] backs that year and basically he just didn't want to stay here and compete," Mazzotta said. "Which is funny because he went over there and played defense."

"I didn't like the way Royce left, it wasn't very nice. The thing that I don't like is they kind of recruited those kids over there," Mazzotta said.

Offensive and defensive coordinators Dean Grosfeld and Tom Caines along with coach Mazzotta all have one response for Moore and anyone else who follows his footsteps.

"If you don't want to be here don't." In regards to Johnson, defensive tackle David Fangupo said, "The fact that he went to Long Beach means something right? He couldn't play here so he had to go there, that's all that means to me."

Fangupo is battling a left wrist and

shoulder injury, however he made it clear that he will be in uniform on game day and he never once thought about not playing.

The defense will have its hands full with Vikings' quarterback Jack Lowary who has thrown for almost 3,000 yards and 25 touchdowns.

"I don't think you can ever stop an offense like that you just kind of slow them down," Caines said.

"Our biggest goal would be to minimize big plays."

Cornerback Thadd Daniels who was matched up with College of the Canyons best receiver just one week earlier will have his hands full again with Long Beach City's Mike Wilson, who has nearly 30 receptions more than the team's second place receiver.

"I just try to come in healthy, play my game, study the film and go about it like I go about any receiver," Daniels said.

"May the best man win."

No doubt this game will only get hotter the closer to kick off. It all happens at Falcon Stadium on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Men's water polo ends season at Southern California Regional Playoff and place fourth

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The men's water polo team finished its season this past weekend at the Southern California Regional Playoff and its injuries could have played a key part in this past week-ends struggles.

Sophomore Marlon Moreno fractured his thumb on Wednesday morning at practice, and sophomore Peter Roldan was in a car accident and suffered a broken arm, Roldan's defense was missed as he had 66 steals on the season.

Moreno was a key part of Cerritos offense as he scored 105 goals. Moreno's 105 goals and Angel Rojas's 155 goals meant that Cerritos had its first two-player 100-goal scorers in the program's history.

Last Friday, the team played one game against Cuesta College. The team overcame the two key injuries as the team cruised over Cuesta defeating them 15-5 with Rojas scoring nine goals.

Last Saturday, Cerritos played Long Beach City College with the game so one-sided in the first half Long Beach City lead 12-6 after the first half.

The Falcons responded in the start of the second half as the team scored three straight goals making the score 12-9.

Cerritos lost focus, and was

defeated, 18-12, which eliminated them from a chance to play in the CCCAA State Tournament.

Israel Rodriguez scored four goals against Long Beach City and played big for the Falcons with the teams key injuries.

Rodriguez finished the season with 46 goals and 24 assists.

Then in the third place game, the Falcons lost to Los Angeles Valley College 16-10, which ended its season.

Rojas this season has been a complete team player. This season he broke records for most goals, assists and steals in a season, as he over achieved the past records in goals (155), steals (105) and assists (99).

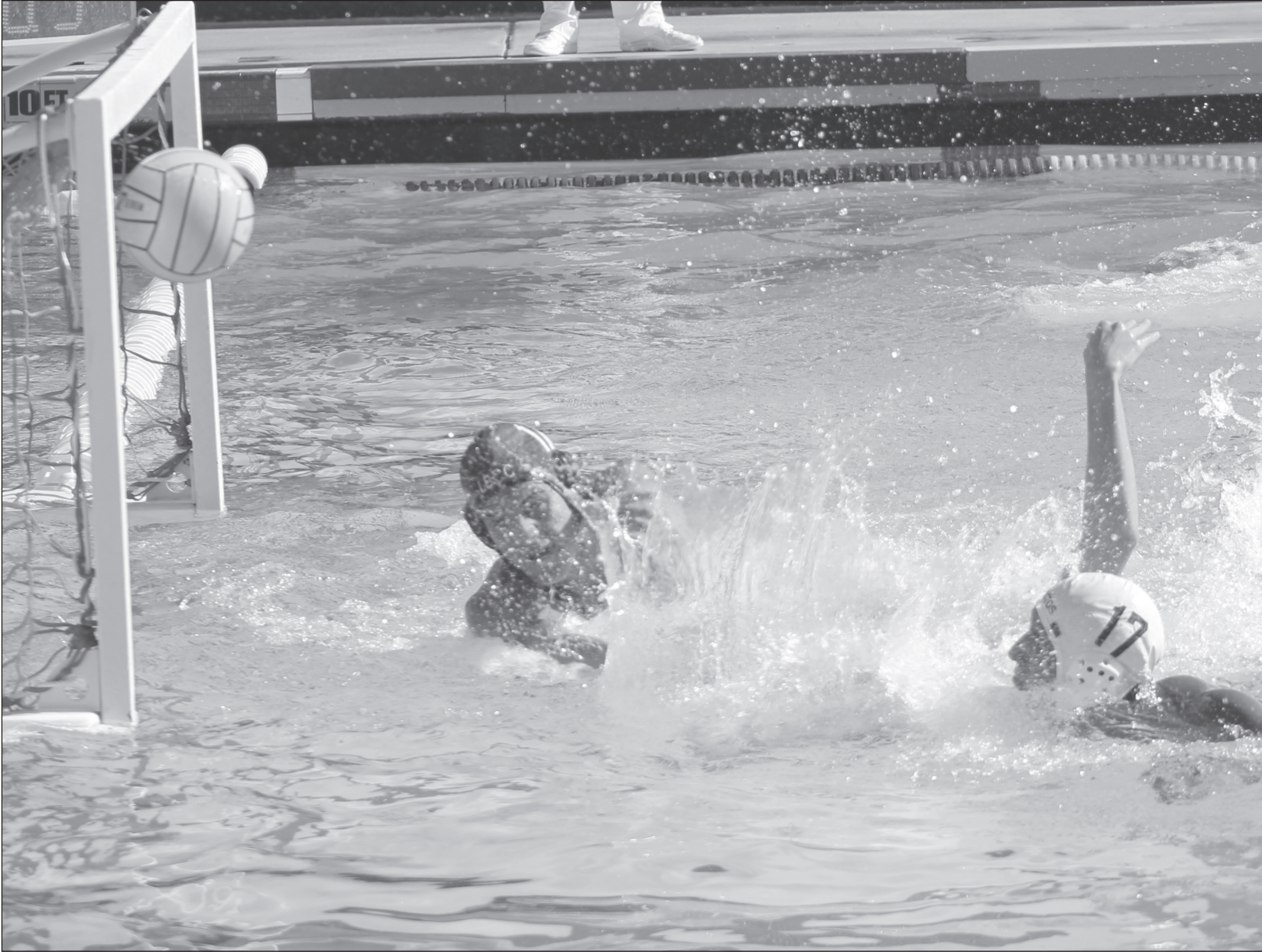
He was one assist away from being the Cerritos' first player to record over 100 in each of the three categories.

Rojas on his season, "I play hard and give my best and play smart water polo."

Head coach Joe Abing said, "We played with a lot of passion we lost two of our starters and two key guys. We are top four in Southern California."

He added, "[Rojas] just an incredible player he could do it all he could score and he is also able to find his teammates [...] he is a special player."

The team finished with a record of 23-11 in the 2015 season.



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Season over: Angel Rojas assisted to Israel Rodriguez as he tapped the ball in for the goal. Rojas was one assist shy from 100 assists on the season.

Women's water polo team places third in SCC

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"It's our last tournament, we just have to execute our game plan," Head coach Sergio Marcias said, the team did just that.

Winning two of its three matches, the team did what it had to do and executed like coach Marcias said.

The Falcons' two wins came from Pasadena City College, with the final score being 4-2, and Chaffey College, with the final score being 9-8. The Falcons placed third in the South Coast Conference Tournament on Nov. 7.

The women felt confident about playing Pasadena City College because they had beaten the Lancers before in the season on Oct. 21, winning 5-4.

Attacker Jenney Para said, "We've been practicing extra on our communication and we have been working on our defense a lot as well."

Para had two goals in the teams only loss to Mt. San Antonio College, final score being 16-4, and had six steals on, Nov. 7 against Chaffey College.

She also said the reason why her team hasn't produced on the season is because it had a lot to do with a lot of players being new, "We're all new players and haven't played with each other for long yet."

Attacker Lucila Davies said the team was going to try something new against Pasadena, "They are good at counter attacks and we lack on that, so we tried something different and tried having a different set-up."

Marcias believed that the women's season was kind of like the game against East Los Angeles College, which they won 11-4.

He said, "Well that game summarizes our season, our first half was great, second we played complacent and played down to our opponents level."

The women's water polo team took third place at the South Coast Conference Tournament, which it's the last tournament and game for the 2015 season.

The team's record for the 2015 season ended with a 10-16 overall record and was 6-4 in conference.

Freshmen duo breaks records

Carolina Jaramillo

Position: Forward
Games started: 14
Shots on goal: 45
Goals Scored: 23
Assists: 11



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When a soccer team scores 18 goals in one game, records are broken.

Women's soccer freshman Carolina Jaramillo, set a new record for most goals in a game with eight hitting the net.

The previous record for most goals in a game was by Monique Cisneros who scored six goals in 2008.

Jaramillo didn't only break a record, but freshman teammate Natalie deLeon set a record for most assists by a freshman in a single season with 20.

Her 20 assists lead the state.

The previous record for most assists in a season for a freshman was shared with a trio of players Carolina Ornelas [2013], Corina Villegas [2007] and Rebecca Juarez [2006].

The Falcons traveled to El Camino-Compton Center (ECCC) last Friday to play its last South Coast Conference game of the regular season. Being undefeated this season with a record of 18-0-3.

Cerritos will now play in the Southern California Regional Playoffs on Saturday and host three games.

Jaramillo, with 23 goals in the season, now is third in the state. She scored six times in the first half, as Cerritos took a 9-0 lead in the first half.

Before getting a rest for the remainder of the game, she added two more goals in the second half and assisted on two goals.

Jaramillo said, "I think it was an

easy game, I didn't come with a mentality to make that many goals I came with the mentality to win and I think that each goal was because of team work."

Freshmen Graciela Lopez and Whitney Strickland scored twice in the game, with four other players that found the back of the net once.

Cerritos defense didn't let ECCC get any shots as it held the opposing team to zero shots and held them scoreless.

ECCC head coach Amanda Evans said, "I think given the circumstances our team pushed as hard as they could in the first half, the second half I was a lot happier on how they played."

"[Cerritos] [is the number one team in the state for a reason [it] has talented players and [it] has a lot of them."

Evans hopes that Cerritos can represent the conference in the playoffs and go and win state.

Jaramillo on playoffs approaching the upcoming week said, "I think that I will be ready for the game and focus to win in playoffs."

As for Cerritos head coach Ruben Gonzalez he's looking to make it four straight state championships in four seasons.

Gonzalez on his team's performance said, "It was kind of a tough game because the game was over five minutes into the game we were up 2-0. You just try to get out of here healthy and try to give everyone an opportunity to play."

This is our season we want to be ready for the playoffs."

Cerritos will host Mt. San Jacinto on Saturday at 2 p.m.



Natalie deLeon

Position: Forward
Games started: 16
Shots on goal: 54
Goals scored: 16
Assists: 20



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