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Women's soccer wins state four times in a row

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Freshman Jamie Peters was elbowed in the face by Rio Hondo's Janeth Acuna, which led to a penalty late in the match.

Peters said, "The sideline referee was silent the whole game until [Rio Hondo] fouled me." Freshman Carolina Jaramillo was subbed in to take the penalty kick.

Rio Hondo's goal keeper Christina Holguin tried to get in Jaramillo's head, but failed as she netted it to the top left corner of the goal.

The women's soccer team completed the third undefeated season in the programs school history (2008, 2013, 2015).

The Falcons finished the season with a record of 23-0-3 defeating Rio Hondo College 3-0 at De Anza College, on Sunday.

Cerritos now has a 20 game winning streak in its postseason run in the last four seasons.

Jaramillo on the moment taking the penalty said, "I was confident in myself to take the penalty [kick] as the goalie [Holguin] started saying things and I made it."



CHRISTIAN GONZALES/ TM

Leading the charge: Freshman Amber Whitmore takes blocks the ball with her body during the CCCAA final. Whitmore controlled the middle of the field giving passes to her teammates and making a presence during the battle for the midfield.

Jaramillo leads state victory: Continue reading on page 6



GUSTAVO LOPEZ/ TM

Pinning the competition: Voris Meeks, weighing in at 149 pounds, pinned Palomar's Arturo Osorio, also weighing in at 149 pounds. "I've been working on my setups all week and I thought I had him [Osorio] down," Meeks said.

Wrestling team back-to-back So Cal regional champions

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The wrestling team is now back-to-back SoCal Champions.

At the Southern California Regional Tournament on Saturday, the wrestling team came up big as they placed first for the second consecutive year.

With its total number of points being 173, beating second place Mt. San Antonio College by 12 points.

Coach Don Garriott said, "It's good, last year we were ranked number one, this year is a much younger team compared to last year, and it was great to see the process for these guys to get to this point."

Cerritos also had four individual champions and two individuals

who placed second.

The four champions are Anthony Vargas, Aaron Negrete, Oscar Martinez and Jesse Gomez.

Vargas, who won all of his matches, said this win was a big confidence booster.

"It feels good because I never really won a major tournament before this weekend," Vargas said.

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Professor speaks out against discrimination in the workplace

Professor Falcon brings up the topic of discrimination

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An event surrounding the status of girls and women of color started as such, but by the end of the night, many people were talking about an issue that was closer to home than expected.

The Public Input Hearing: Status of Girls and Women of Color was held in the student center last Wednesday.

The hearing allowed discussion on how to change women's status in America.

The floor was open to the public and that is when Political Science Professor Dennis Falcon took the stage.

Falcon stated that while everything the board members were saying sounded great, but he was disappointed because there have been multiple accounts of discrimination against minorities in the handling of Cerritos staff members.

"Over the last two years I started talking to faculty and staff... what I ended up finding out was it's not just me," Falcon said. "Latino/Mexican faculty and staff, African-American faculty and staff, even some people who are disabled, and a person who is gay on campus [have] been targeted for what we call discriminatory treatment."

"At a certain point we just decided to call it what it is, we're being targeted," he added.

Dr. Jose Fierro seemed blind-sided by Falcon's comments.

Yet, he did admit he felt the school was doing a "great job" as majority of the board is made up of minorities.

Fierro said, "I'm not really sure what he's referring to."

"This is the first time we're hearing about it," Board President Carmen Avalos interrupted.

Both Fierro and Avalos left the event 30 minutes prior to its conclusion.

However, Avalos insisted it was her children as to why she had to leave early.

She also added the event started 30 minutes later than scheduled.

"On any campus there are going to be issues, period. I think the way that it was expressed could have been expressed at the board meeting," Avalos said.

"I don't think this was the forum to have done that, but it had a bigger audience," She said.

"What is Cristina [Garcia] going to do? We're the policy makers, right?" Avalos questioned.

"When you express it in that matter it's

disrespectful to the board because we don't have the opportunity to address it," she added. "But people do things for different political reasons. He did say he was a political science teacher right?"

Kurratul-ayn Uraizee who was one of the 55 speakers on the night shared her opinion on the matter.

"I feel like they're really trying to do something, but it's like they have so many issues to deal with," Uraizee said. "But, I feel like something should be done," she added.

Cristina Garcia, who was the emcee for the evening and assembly member from the 58th district, weighed in on the topic.

"I can't speak specifically on what's going on in this campus, but I think he's bringing up a point that's very true among all of our campuses," she said.

Falcon made it clear that he wanted his point to be heard.

He stated, "We need to fight back, but

the only problem is the policy and procedures on campus for reporting things like that have things like time frames. You have to report it in 30 days. And then on top of that the people that you report it to are actually people who work for the college and will do everything they can to cover up these things," he said.

"I have dozens of people who I can name and who will come out in public when the time comes."

Falcon said that he has two members on board, but refused to give names. He offered a solution for the problem. "First, admit you have a [problem]. Cerritos College does not want to admit [it has] a problem. [Faculty] want to talk about all these other programs, but its looking over it own backyard," he said. "Before you try and fix somebody else's problem you solve the problem in your own backyard."

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Franco Falcon gets pay reinstated

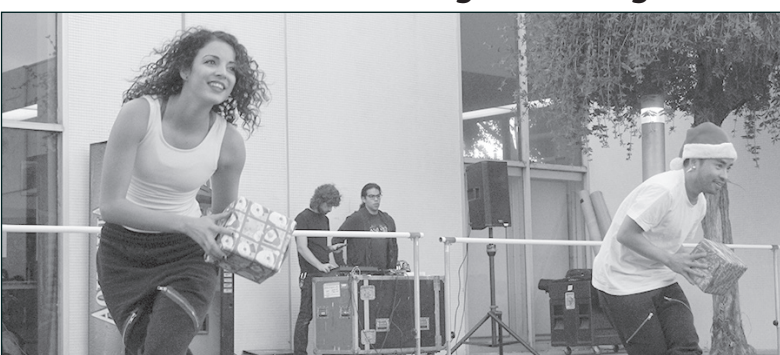
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The Bird is the Word: Franco Falcon animates the crowd during the Homecoming game. ASCC Senate approved to have his pay reinstated to \$14.32 after last year's senate cut it to \$9.93. KARLA ENRIQUEZ/TM

Franco Falcon at a glance

- The new Cerritos College mascot, Franco, was revealed in February 2015 during club info day.
- His initial pay started at \$14.32
- The 2014 ASCC Senate cut his pay to \$9.93 per hour.
- ASCC Vice President Ivan Oyarzabal presented a resolution to reinstate Franco's pay but it did not pass due to lack of information.
- Student Trustee Villalobos presented the legislation to reinstate Franco's pay at ASCC Senate on Nov. 25; it passed.

Franco Falcon's pay reinstated to \$14.32

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The Associated Student of Cerritos College Senate at passed a legislation that would increase the pay of the school mascot, Franco Falcon.

Although, to the general public it may seem like a pay raise, it's in fact just a pay reinstatement from what Franco originally got paid when he started.

The person that portrays Franco Falcon did not want his identity to be revealed because he feels that people shouldn't care who the mascot is.

"I just want people to know that Franco did not get a raise. Franco was at a pay and then that pay was cut, and now they are reinstating that pay to what it was. So

it wasn't a raise," Franco said.

ASCC Senate passed a legislation at the end of last semester to decrease Franco's pay from \$14.32 per hour to \$9.93 per hour.

"When the reinstatement happened I was happy because I really didn't know the pay was getting cut. I wasn't aware of it. I just showed up this semester and was told that the pay was cut and I didn't get a reason.

"There was no rhyme or reason to it other than the senate from last year felt that I was getting paid too much. I'm glad this senate saw all the things I was attending like football games, social media, anything with athletics that I could make it to," Franco said.

The legislation to reinstate Franco's pay was introduced on Nov. 24 and was introduced by Student Trustee Victor Villalobos and passed on Nov. 25.

The mascot attends various functions on campus and even off campus, but some feel that senate shouldn't pay for events that Franco attends that does not affect students directly.

"I was also thinking about having district help pay for it because the bird was being used for district events, community events and other events that didn't represent students directly," Villalobos said.

The newly written legislation passed with ease with nearly all the senators voting to reinstate the pay, all except one senator, Daniel Flores Resendiz.

"I think we have a budget that should serve the needs of the students academically. We should focus our efforts on providing them with resources that will help them transfer quicker, and this is a public institution at the most basic level, we are a community college,

and I don't think our resources should go to a mascot. A mascot is more appropriate for a private entity," Flores said.

Franco expressed, "Right now, being part-time, it's hard for Franco to be at everything. I would love to be at every single basketball game, football game, softball game, whatever is going on this campus I would love to be at all of them, but I can't because I have other jobs and am trying to pay for school."

Even though he took an unannounced pay cut he expressed great zeal for his job as Franco.

"When you are looking at a mascot you should only see that mascot and that's all there is to it. I don't like it when people try to figure out who's inside the suit because it shouldn't matter," he confessed.

Falcon Kids seeks funds to make impact on community

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The responsibility to be a representative for the Students of Cerritos College, is no small endeavor. ASCC Senators are tasked with a debate over the future of the Falcon Kids initiative and the requested \$19,510 in funds.

What is Falcon Kids

For Student Trustee Victor Villalobos, "Falcon Kids is an initiative where there's going to be a coloring book created with Franco the Falcon, there's going to be plush toys, markers, crayons, stuff that has his picture on it, that comes out to like \$20,000.

"I personally don't think that we as ASCC should be spending \$20,000 of student's money on a community project that's not going to be impacting students directly."

For ASCC Senator Adrian Gomez, the Falcon Kids Initiative is "a means to a beginning. I believe our local communities, especially our youth, have fallen victim to a stigmatization of school.

"It is highly discouraged for children to become educated, from their peers."

He continued, "The idea of being a nerd keeps children from gaining interest in education and progressing. I believe this initiative has the potential to change the mentality of the children, progressing further to change the mentality of our local culture."

How it started

The Falcon Kids initiative was introduced as a legislation asking ASCC Senate for funds by Commissioner Enrique Rodriguez, and Commissioner Jessica Germata.

Rodriguez has been planning and working on the Falcon Kids initiative since before the semester.

He said, "When I was confer-

ring with the school, they presented it and they wanted to do K through five, I was like 'no, I'm part of the school site committee I'm seeing the test scores right there with the principal with common core statistics let's do third grade.'

Third grade is where we need to focus," he stated.

What it asks for

The legislation requests funds for promotional materials such as Falcon Kids Brochure Production, Franco Plush Toys, Falcon backpacks, Franco pencils, Franco crayons and Franco folders would cost the requested amount of \$16,250.00.

The volunteer Live Scan, Falcon Kids Training manuals, Falcon Kids volunteer shirts and volunteer training would cost the requested amount of \$3,260.00 for the grand total of \$19,510.

Initial rejection

When the legislation was presented to ASCC Senate on Nov. 25 it failed to pass.

The amount of money being requested was a reason why senators voted against the legislation.

Villalobos said, "This money is coming out of the fees we pay at the beginning of every semester [...] those \$20,000 could be used to create another program on campus or to some other initiative."

However, for Rodriguez the initial failure was not a deterrent an instead enlisted the help of ASCC Senator and Falcon Kids supporter, Ashley Johnson.

She will be re-presenting the legislation at the Wednesday ASCC Senate meeting.

New supporter

Johnson sees the initiative as a way to help the third graders at New River Elementary, and also the students at Cerritos College.

She said, "I see three major problems that this will fix. The first

being that students who graduate college and don't have any intern experience, or any experience, in their field, this will help bridge that.

Additionally, there is a gap between Cerritos College and our community, and thirdly we have an achievement gap that is evident in our country."

What's next

In the next presentation Rodriguez and Johnson will be answering the questions and concerns that senate has.

He said, "They're going to be answered, and if [senate] wants to go further into the answers, I'll be willing to do that."

ASCC Senator Helena Robles said that although she voted for the initiative, she still wants to see more information.

"[...]I know it's really important to get kids to learn how to read, how to talk and feel comfortable. But I feel like I want to see more structure [in the Falcon Kids Initiative]."

Strong convictions

Other senators like Villalobos and Gomez are firm in their convictions.

Villalobos stating, "Two things that I brought up with that question was one, nothing is set in stone so what if we don't get the money back? Then ASCC are stuck in two positions.

"Two, we spend money on an initiative that impacted the students for a certain amount of time then it just died.

"The other would be that we as ASCC may feel obligated to fund these \$20,000 dollars again because you know we're impacting the community, [...] to not be able to do it the following year you know doesn't benefit us. I feel like it hurts us."

Gomez states the following, "In order for this initiative to pass, we as senators need to have a little faith.

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Expression through poetry

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Pouring out your emotions is easier said than done, but sometimes, all you need is an open space and an audience that listens.

The Library Club is providing just that as it hosts the 11th semi-annual Poetry Night event, Thursday.

The event will be held in the Teleconference Center (LC-155) from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will consist of students standing up on stage and reading their own original poems.

According to Paula Pereira, library club adviser, the poetry night started back in 2009 and has become popular since.

"We started out with maybe a few people attending it, but now everybody knows about it and students ask me about it. Usually, we have about 20 to 25 contestants going up on stage," she said.

The contestant must be a student of Cerritos College, the submission must be original, if in another language the poem must have an English translation and include name student ID and contact info.

Pereira believes providing this event gets students to connect with one another.

"Having an event like this promotes an environment where everyone can connect with each other," she said.

Students can submit their poems to cclibraryclub@hotmail.com

After the contestants are finished reading their poems, the open mic portion will begin.

According to Pamela Rodriguez, ESL coordinator for the library club, the Poetry Night Event is a great space for students to recite and perform their poems. Students will be able to share their passion for writing with many other students like them.

"Students should definitely attend this event because they'll be able to find more students that probably, think in many ways the same as them," Rodriguez said.



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Passion for dance: Dancers perform a traditional African dance titled 'From the Ivory Coast'. They took center stage with several different dances that lasted up to an overall eight minute performance.

Student dancers express passion

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Stunts, turns, flips and twirls, all choreographed by students, took center stage outside the Dance Studio as the Cerritos College Dance Department presented the Fall 2015 Informal Dance Concert.

The Dance Concert was held Dec. 2 and showcased 13 student original performances.

With many different varieties of dance and music ranging from hip-hop to tap and even Latin, it's no wonder why the crowd was so engulfed in each performance.

According to Janet Sanderson, chairperson of the Dance Department, the informal dance concert is made up of numbers choreographed by the students.

This event is held toward the end of

every semester and students prepare these routines on their own personal time.

Sanderson mentioned that all the students who performed are all students enrolled in dance classes on campus.

Originally, the event was meant to be held in the student center, but a last minute change led the students to set up the performance stage right outside of FA55, the Dance Studio.

Not only was there a change of location, but a recent construction set up caused a huge wall that covered the dancers from surrounding areas.

These issues, however, did not discourage any of the dancers.

"It [the construction barrier] came in last week and we had the chance to cancel it, but the kids really like to do this so they decided to not cancel it," Sanders said.

Each performance left its own unique

mark as the crowd of people clapped and waited for more.

Some of the performances were done with an entire class, while some students chose to take the spot-light and perform a solo piece such as Love Roper, child development major, who performed in two different performances.

"I loved it and I'm tired, but I enjoyed every moment of it," Roper said.

Although dance is not something Roper plans on pursuing, she has her reasons for her passion in dance.

"I've been dancing since I was seven and my dad would take me to all these dance companies all the time. After my father passed away, it was just something I stick to. It's something I do for fun that keeps me motivated," Roper said.

The event gives the students to put what they have learned to the test and create

something to perform in front of a live audience.

According to Areal Hughes, dance major and assistant to Sanderson, this hands-on experience is constructive for students to progress with what they've learned and shows how dancers can improve with each performance and each class taken at Cerritos College.

"I help the students with their moves, basically a consultant. I think it went pretty well. The informal [concert] progresses every semester and I think that is pretty fantastic...Every dancer gave 100 percent," Hughes said.

Hughes didn't think the construction was an issue, but it may have blocked the view from the public.

The Dance Department hopes to hold more concerts in the spring of 2016, both formal and informal.

GIPS improv group rolls up good laughs

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It takes a quick wit to be able to preform improv, and the Generic Improv Peep Show crew for the "Bring Them Back Alive" show delivered.

On its second night, the audience was treated to Franco Falcon dancing to several iconic dance songs, including Michael Jackson's Thriller and the Macarena.

The audience seemed a little hesitant to participate in the show, but as the show progressed it gradually warmed up.

"If the crowd isn't feeling it, you're not going to have a good show," Simone Finley said, a GIPS member.

The GIPS crew did a good job of pumping up the audience in between sketches and when calling for input.

The show did hit a road bump mid-show, when setting up a scene, Finley was asking audience members for an emotion.

Someone yelled schizophrenic and immediately and almost collectively the audience shuddered.

Anyone who was uncomfortable with the joke had to ride it out.

Aside from that, the show did entertain in a non-offensive way.

There were a few dirty jokes thrown in for good measure, but they were not crass and were smoothly and rapidly delivered to the enjoyment of the crowd.

Assata Chavies, one of the performers, said, "We don't like to throw dirty jokes, but sometimes they come to mind and I was like okay my mom is in the audience, I got someone from church here."

She added that it's always important to keep in mind how the crowd is going to react.

One thing that improv performers have to keep in mind is the general raptness of the audience, delivering jokes or acting out skits that an average audience member would pick up without much context.

This is something that the GIPS members did not have to worry about. Even when there was a joke that many couldn't grasp, sometimes the comedy came from its delivery, as opposed to the punch line itself.

The audience was a good mix of old and young, making sure that it would be able to bridge pop culture references and laugh about them.

Jeff Tucker, GIPS alum, took advantage of the audience.

The sketch started out with Finley having to guess what another of the performers was for her party.

Tucker who was supposed to be Adele, took full advantage of her recent single, "Hello," and threw out well delivered Adele cliches.

He said, "It's great fun, improv is like riding a bike once you learn how to do it you fall right back into it. It's fun to hang out and have fun."

Tucker said that he didn't attend any of the rehearsals, but that it was fun nonetheless.

Another stand out performance was Enzo Canepa, another alum and Emmanuel Plascencia.

His best sketch was during a reality show sketch in which he was a leprechaun who taught another performer, Plascencia, how to build rainbows. Their interactions received the most laughs.

"One of the first things you feel, and one of the things I do is feed off of everybody else. It kind of gets you in the moment," Canepa said.

Overall, "Bring Them Back Alive" promises better laughs than an episode of 'Saturday Night Live' because it is the audience that drives the show.

So offer comedic suggestions, engage with them and it will pay off with laughs and a good time.



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Rolling with the punches: Michael Timoney with a fellow GIPS performer. Making use of their quick wit on stage, the GIPS performers used cues and suggestions from the audience to deliver comedy sketches.



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EDITORIAL



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Money in reserves should be invested in more projects

College students always face the issues of not being able get into impacted classes, settling with an uncomfortable learning environment and even the failure of programs.

If only Cerritos College had some money (Let's say about 46 million dollars) saved up that could maybe be used to help the overall learning environment of the college.

Well, it does.

There is approximately \$46 million in the reserve fund simply piling up that the Board of Trustees has not touched. That money comes from a combination of three separate accounts:

- Fund 41 - \$15,477,141 [but only \$11,330,986 can be used]
- CalPERS - \$16,000,200
- Undesignated Reserves - \$15,997,384

Why not take a chunk of that money saved up and put it to good use.

Obviously a slight chunk because we don't want a Long Beach City College situation here.

During the recession of 2007 LBCC laid off professors and fell into debt because they spent uncontrollably.

Cerritos College found its head above water during that slippery slope thanks to reserve accounts that saves money to pay off debts the school has.

CalPERS was a program that helped pay the retirement fund for all of California's public workers.

Those that receive that money have to pay the tab; Cerritos College pays its portion.

But there are still accounts with money that can be invested into projects that increase school productivity and efficiency.

Maybe, more full-time professors? How about decent campus lighting? Maybe some extra employment opportunities so that there aren't only three admissions workers while hundreds of students wait in line.

It's like when you were a kid and you wanted something from the store, but your mother said no on the reason that she didn't have money for that.

That's basically what this is, except countless students would actually benefit from this money and the \$46 million has no real purpose except for being used in case of a 'rainy day'

That better be one hell of a storm...

Having to wait in the admissions lines for what seems like forever only to be told to go to a different line is not efficient, but how fast can the line really move when there are only about three people helping dozens of students.

There have been complaints from students who have been dropped from their classes due to the misplacement of their applications.

This begs the question, is this a lack of organization or is the office understaffed or is it both? Is the filing system

up to date? Can the college be spending more on fixing this issue?

All the money in reserves can easily be used to expand on the quality in which Cerritos College handles its students.

Although better lighting has been a topic of discussion at board of trustees, action to implement a blue light system has not happened fast enough.

The money can also be used to open opportunities for more full-time professors to be part of the campus.

The school can put the money to good use in countless ways, which can overall enrich the experience of Cerritos College for both students and faculty.

Astonishingly enough, these \$46 million are being put to no use for now.

Having a stronger full-time-based faculty will increase the effectiveness of student learning.

An investment in a project that could help full-time faculty will definitely help students.

Full-time faculty won't need to hop around from campus to campus to gather money to pay bills.

Instead the school could provide anything the teachers needed.

Maybe when the apocalypse is happening or when aliens invade, the school will finally find a reason to access the money and put it to good use.

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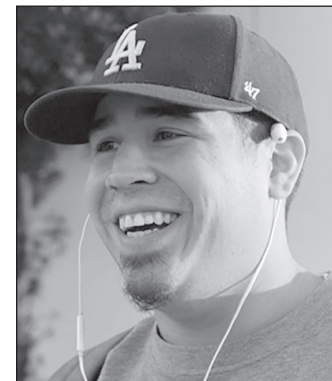
What is your favorite Christmas song?

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JAVIER SILVA
Engineering major

"Dashing Through The Snow," I saw the movie once and I guess it had this song and it was pretty cool."



COURTNEY CLARK
English major

"Baby It's Cold Outside," just cause it's a classic, just love classics."



EDGAR ALVAREZ
Theater major

"Honestly, I don't think I have one, I just listen to music and I really don't have a favorite."



DEREK MARROQUIN
Undecided major

"The Spanish one, 'Mi Burrito Sabanero.' For some reason I just sang it as a kid, it brings back childhood memories."



IRENE GONZALES
Undecided major

"My favorite Christmas song is probably The Grinch song, because it's funny. I don't really care for Christmas music, but that one is funny to me."



Tolerance for all beliefs

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In light of recent events with the shooting at the Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs as well as people vandalizing the church in Lynwood, California, the center point of both these unfortunate events is religion.

Religion is being used as a reason for a cause as a way to make a statement against a certain belief.

According to the New York Times, the shooter opened fire at the clinic because he believed he was doing God's work by giving the sinners what they deserve for performing an abortion.

The real problem here is misusing a group of people's faith as an excuse to target people, and confess that it is acceptable to do so because they are doing it in the name of their god.

Continuous blame toward religion for what people do puts a bad light on that particular doctrine and paints a bulls-eye

for those who are not of the same faith.

What should be done is not to over assert one's faith onto someone else, but to learn how to respect one another's faith.

For every faith has its own struggles to overcome.

So instead of pushing our own agendas and what we think our faith means to us, we should talk to our fellow neighbors that no matter how different we may seem there are certain things that each religion can relate to.

The less we respect, the more people tend to defile places of worship just because they feel like it.

The church, for instance, was vandalized with demonic symbols on its statues and on different parts of the church as well.

This is a clear example of a person's disrespect and ignorance toward another group's faith.

From here on out people should strive to be more open minded to others and also try not to use religion in vain.

All good things come to an end

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Everyone knew it was inevitable, Kobe Bryant is retiring at the season's end, but how much are fans appreciating it?

The old saying goes "all good things must come to an end," and Kobe Bean Bryant's basketball career is no different.

As the fans will all say goodbye to one of the greatest basketball players on this planet, let's not forget what Bryant has blessed NBA fans with for so many years.

A five-time NBA Champion, two-time Finals MVP, 2008 NBA MVP, two-time NBA scoring champion, 17-time NBA All-Star selection and 15-time All-NBA selection are some of the many prestigious honors that Bryant has accumulated over his 20-year career.

While facing so many injuries over the last two-plus seasons,

many Kobe-haters and fans alike have been calling for the seasoned veteran to call it quits.

For the haters, it seemed they would have liked to see him retire just for the fact they can't stand a winner.

Most people would say it's because he's a selfish player, but Bryant is the only person in the NBA history to score 30,000 points and dish out 6,000 assists.

The next argument may be he's only an offensive player and he doesn't give his all on the defensive end.

Bryant has been named to the NBA All-Defensive team 12 times.

As for the Mamba maniacs around the world, they felt as if Bryant should hang up his sneakers in order to save a career that could possibly be tarnished if play is resumed.

Furthermore, it may be likely that Bryant is the second best player of all-time behind Michael Jordan.

With Father Time being undefeated throughout history it seems as if old age has finally caught up with Bryant.

That is no surprise as he has tallied well over 45,000 minutes of basketball during his reign amongst the NBA elites.

Although, before he got to this point he set some pretty big records before reaching the age of 20.

He often jokes about how he needed the signatures of his parents in order to verify his first NBA contract.

11 days later, Bryant would become the youngest player to win the Slam Dunk Contest only to follow that up exactly one year later to be the youngest player to start an NBA All-Star Game.

Despite the fear of a mortal Kobe Bryant career becoming a fact sooner rather than later, let's enjoy the ride as long as we can.

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Legend Wally Kincaid

Remembering,
our very own
'John Wooden'
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Meeting a person who has impacted many lives is rare.

Retired baseball coach, Wally Kincaid, was one of those people.

Kincaid coached baseball for Cerritos College from 1958-77 and 1979-80. He had a coaching record of 678-163, he won six state championships and 15 conference championships. He had the baseball field at Cerritos College named after him in 1992.

He made an impact on players on and off the baseball field, during the time, he coached for Cerritos College. He coached for 22 years before retiring.

Kincaid was 89-years-old and died of natural causes on Nov. 16.

After the holidays, the family will be having private services to celebrate his life.

Cerritos College Athletics Director Dan Clauss said, "I had the pleasure of meeting Wally Kincaid for the first time when we inducted him to the hall of fame, and the stories about him, and how he shaped Cerritos College athletics and put Cerritos College on the map was amazing."

Early Life

Kincaid attended Downey High School and played baseball as a second and third basemen.

After high school, he went to Whittier College.

He was inducted to the College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2010.

While being inducted, in his speech he once played the Army Air Force against baseball legends Joe DiMaggio who played center field as well as Charlie "Red" Ruffing, which was a thrill for Kincaid.

In the fourth inning of that game, Kincaid remembered hitting a double-off Ruffing and was the biggest thrill in his life.

He said, "Baseball has been very good to me. It's a simple game you play catch, put the ball in play, and throw strikes and you win most of your ball games."

Impacting Lives

Cerritos baseball head coach Ken Gaylord said, "He had the ability to break the game down and make it simple for you. He would put you in a situation where you could be successful.

"The way he could slow the game down with his eyes and make adjustments [...] It was remarkable. He really taught you the game and to believe in yourself.

"What a lot of people don't know, is he was actually hired as the basketball coach here, and then he became an assistant baseball coach and talk about things and I remember him telling me he liked basketball, but he didn't think he will ever get enough big guys so then he switched to baseball [...]"

Out of state friendships

Oregon University baseball head coach George Horton who played for Kincaid in 1972-73 said, "I have amazing thoughts of coach Kincaid.

"There was no shortcuts with him, it was living your life with quality or living your athletic life with quality and repeating that over and over again.

"The talent to communicate he had the gift like the great ones have like John Wooden, Vince Lombardi and Don Shula and he had the gift to make very simple comments to players and teams and get them what he needed them to do and wanted them to do."

Horton remembers a time when he went back to Cerritos to be an assistant coach and had a part time job. After he played for Kincaid, Horton doesn't know if it was the first practice, but early in the going, practice was over a lot of equipment like the bats, balls, buckets and the bags and all the players had left and the coaching staff had a



Cerritos' Big Bird Legend: Wally Kincaid (Left) taking a picture being inducted to the 2010 College Baseball Hall Of Fame. He had a coaching record of 678-163, he won six state championships and 15 conference championships as a baseball coach at Cerritos College.

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meeting after.

Horton was leaving to go to his part time job and Kincaid said, "You're not going to be a good coach." It hit Horton square between the eyes and said, "What do you mean by that?"

Kincaid then said, "Well everybody wants to be a coach and hangout with the guys and asked who is going to pick up all the equipment? If your not willing to pick up the equipment you'll never be a good coach."

Horton has told this story to players who wanted to become coaches.

Horton said, "If you ask the definition of coach Kincaid, I would say he was organized, he was meticulous as organized and ahead of practice organization and game organization of anyone I have been around till to this day."

Teaching self-confidence

Former college baseball player Bob Vaughn said, "As a player he taught me one to respect the game second he taught me the game and what I mean by that all of us as players learned the fundamentals of baseball and use the fundamentals to win games.

One of Vaughn's favorite stories is a day where in his mind was when coach Kincaid was not being a good coach until after the fact Vaughn started a game in Pasadena

City College and Vaughn faced the first three hitters in the lineup the first one hit a home run the second hit a double and the third hit a home run and after facing those three hitters. Vaughn looked at the dugout wondering if coach Kincaid was going to go talk to him and Kincaid was seated at the end of the dugout bench and it was obvious Kincaid was not going to talk to Vaughn.

Vaughn then proceeded to walk the bases loaded and looked at the dugout to see what Kincaid's reaction might be and Vaughn realized that Kincaid was allowing Vaughn to work his way out of this situation. Kincaid by letting Vaughn stay in the mound gave him a great deal of confidence because the next three hitters Vaughn was able to get out and not give up another run.

Only to be followed by the bottom of the second inning to face those hitters that hit the home runs and double Vaughn proceeded to walk those three and have the bases loaded and Vaughn was questioning if Kincaid understood that Vaughn wasn't having a good day and out of Kincaid's wisdom. Kincaid taught Vaughn to work out of situations and become a better pitcher.

Vaughn got the three outs in the second inning without giving up a run and the team eventually won the game 4-3. From that day, Vaughn believed that he could get three outs with the bases loaded and not give up a run thanks to Kincaid believing in Vaughn's pitching.

The story is an illustration of how he built confidence in players. Kincaid showed confidence and believed and knew Vaughn could get those people out and Kincaid allowed him to do it.

"Wally probably didn't get the recognition from the general public that he was certainly due, but everyone in baseball I think recognized what he was doing at the time, [he] was ahead of himself and because it was at a community college not everybody is aware of Kincaid, but baseball knows him and what he implemented while coaching."

Players' success

Gaylord was a two-time All-South Coast Conference selection at first base and helped Cerritos win two consecutive State Championships and a combined 75-8 record.

He then moved on to UCLA for his next two seasons and was named First Team All-PAC 8 as a senior.

"He was an amazing man you know it's not like he liked the star players or didn't like them, but he took such pride in guys that weren't much talented, but were smart and when you played from him there was no star treatment, everyone was treated the same and it was an amazing experience playing for him." Gaylord said.

Horton played at Cerritos from 1972-73. In 1972, he was in the team with a 36-9 record and were South Coast Conference

Champions.

In 1973, he returned for his second season and was part of the team that went 38-4 and were State Champions.

"The life skills and baseball foundation and the friendship [...] I consider coach Kincaid like a second father to me. He was a great mentor, great educator, great teacher and his impact on George Horton's life is immeasurable."

Vaughn, the most successful pitcher in Cerritos College baseball history, he was the ace of the 1966 baseball team that went 40-0 and won the state championship.

He went 16-0 with 119 strikeouts in 127 1/3 innings and concluded his two-year career at Cerritos with a school record 29 wins with just one loss.

"The saddest part for me is that he is gone and I know he had a great deal of influence in my life, he changed my life and I will be forever grateful. He was a big part of my life and I will miss him dearly and I hope one day when we are all up in heaven we could suit up and play the game again," Vaughn said.

"I cherish his friendship and what he taught me and I feel very blessed that I knew him and got to play for him."

Kincaid left a legacy at the community college level, one that has only grown thanks to the players and coaches. Kincaid is the John Wooden of baseball.

Wrestling repeats at SoCal regional

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Vargas also said that his first and last match were his toughest because the first one is just getting the nerves out and the last because it was the finals.

Negrete won one of his matches by pin, he said, "First period I got a comfortable lead and he went for a desperation move, and I was able to catch him on his back."

He also felt like Vargas, saying this is a stepping stone, "It feels good, just a stepping stone, my main goal is state."

Martinez won two of his matches by pin and one by points.

On the match that was won by points, Martinez said, "I was going for the pin, but he was shorter than me, which [made] it a little more difficult."

Martinez was also excited about the team winning first place this weekend as well, "Ecstatic, upsetting [Mt. San Antonio] who were suppose to win feels great to take it from them."

Gomez, won all of his matches and was named Champ of Champs.

"That award felt good, I didn't see that coming," Gomez said about the Champ of Champs.

He said that he was not trying to go for pins, "It just happened, I was just ready to wrestle."

Gomez couldn't be more proud of his team, "[I'm] really proud, everybody wrestled [well], [I'm] proud of the whole team."

The team now looks forward to the state championship.

Martinez said, "[It's] hard to put into words because last year I got second [in] state, it's like a surreal moment to go back."

Negrete said this is everything he's been working for. "I'm excited everything I've been working for all season," he said.

Gomez also said that he is looking forward to state, "I feel great looking forward to winning state next."

Coach Garriott said, "Right now it's really up in the air and I think there are four teams that could take it and we are one of them."

CCCAA State Championship is this Friday and Saturday at Fresno City College.



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4Peat in state: Carolina Jaramillo No.11 walks to the team pile while teammates celebrate winning state for the fourth straight time. Jaramillo won the tournaments Most Valuable Player award with 3 goals and 2 assists.

Jaramillo leads women's soccer to fourth state victory

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The Falcons started the match as it would have wanted to start as they scored a goal in the 5th minute.

Jaramillo used her speed and dribbling skills to get pass a couple of Rio Hondo's defenders to get herself into the box and pass it to freshman teammate, Natalie deLeon, who shot it in the bottom left corner to hit the back of the net.

Peters made a crucial pass to find a wide open Jaramillo inside the box who had a one-on-one opportunity and executed it with ease hitting the bottom right of the net in the 32nd minute.

"I think starting the game I was a bit nervous, but as time passed by I started to get confidence in myself and the team as the match was going and I think making the

goals in the beginning of the game helped a lot," Jaramillo said.

She was named the Most Valuable Player in the CCCAA tournament being responsible for three goals and two assists in the two playoff wins.

She lead a team high with 27 goals in the season.

Sophomore defender Milia Tilton was a key factor all season for Cerritos defense.

Tilton said, "I think as a team we definitely became a family in the end because we had problems like we couldn't play as a team in the beginning. We overcame everything and we came together because everyone wanted to get the four-peat."

Tilton cleared all the balls either outside or inside the box, which helped freshman goalie Ruby Nichols.

Assistant coach Henry Perez said, "At the

beginning of the season, against Fresno city, [Nichols] was nervous, but she was dialed in the playoffs."

Nichols finished the game with seven saves and a clean sheet in the match.

Head coach Ruben Gonzalez said, "I think believe or not we overachieved. It sounds funny because we didn't lose a game and I think as the season progressed we got better. I owe that to my coaching staff and the players they just worked their asses off all season and the goal is always to win a championship and if we don't win one it's a disappointing season, but we accomplished our goal."

Gonzalez praised his defense saying that defense wins championships.

"We would look to add some more talent and the coaches will start about talking what we need to bring in to prepare ourselves for

another run next year and hopefully make it five in a row," he said.



Payne leads men's basketball to beat the Allan Hancock Bulldogs



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Tight Defense: Freshman Dillon Reise (No. 32) and sophomore Jay Merriweather (No. 2) double-teams freshman Marcellus Garrick (No. 22) of Allan Hancock. Reise had eight points, a rebound, and three assists while Merriweather had four rebounds, an assist and a steal.

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The first non-tournament regular season game for the Cerritos College men's basketball team was a wire-to-wire win, despite the Falcons nearly falling apart at crunch time.

Freshman Tyler Payne led Cerritos with 14 points off the bench, while Sophomore Jonathan Brown shined with five assists and Sophomores Jay Merriweather, Khalid Washington, and Jamal Watson each grabbed four rebounds.

The Falcons, despite a near collapse late in the game, managed to eke out a 60-58 victory over the Allan Hancock Bulldogs in front of 74 people at Joe White Memorial Gym at Allan Hancock College.

Cerritos had a 38-26 lead at halftime, but was out-scored 32-22 in the second half and still managed to hang on.

After two missed free throws late in regulation led to a chance for Allan Hancock to win the game with a half court shot that missed.

"We had to play better defense and make our free throws as well as move our feet, which we didn't do very well, but we still managed to hang on," Payne said.

"It was also a great game, espe-

cially since I am returning from a knee injury," he added.

Washington said, "We always have to play hard. And we also have to work hard at every practice."

Head coach Russ May said, "[My team] can't be satisfied with a lead after the first half. We needed to raise the intensity in the second half and [Allan Hancock] almost eliminated our entire lead."

"[The men] also have to play better defense as well as move their feet and play more zone defense in order to curb foul trouble," he added.

The Falcons were in foul trouble for the entire game as they wound up putting Allan Hancock in the double bonus in both halves with ten fouls in each half.

"We just have to play a little more conservative especially on defense, and we also have to stay together as a team and do everything that we do in practice," guard Luis Medearis, who contributed with seven points off the bench, said.

With the win, Cerritos improves to 5-2 overall.

The Falcons will be back in action at the Riverside Community College tournament starting on Tuesday until Friday.

The first game at home will be on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. against El Camino College-Compton Center.