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Discussing new policy for preferred name change

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Cerritos College is currently in the process of creating a policy that will implement a new system for those that have preferred names.

The question whether the preferred name of a student should be on legal documents or not was up for discussion at ASCC Senate at the March 29 meeting.

Many questions were asked, and while Director of Diversity and Compliance and Title IX Coordinator Dr. Valyncia Raphael presented the item on the agenda, the senators discussed the importance of privacy and safety.

Raphael said she thinks the senators brought up a really good point because there are factors she didn't think about like OrgSync and how that will affect the communication platform the clubs on campus use.

Senator Ryan Kang said he appreciated the fact that Dr. Raphael asked the Senate body's input because this is a student body issue.

He prefers the ability to be private about what personal information students choose to give out, stating in an email he sent to her, "Preferred names and only preferred names should apply to non-essential items [...] [while] legal documents, transcripts and school records, because they are documents essential to verifying and tracing students through the system, clearly need legal names."

He also believes, "students have a right to privacy," and thinks that professors do not need to know a student's legal name because it does not prevent the ability to function in a classroom setting.

Senator Arthur Hanney said, "I believe you should go by whatever name you want to go by. If you're a man and want to go by a woman's name, more power to you, but when it comes to the permanent record of your schooling, it should be your given name, period."

He used himself as an example stating that even though he uses the name "Art", which is short for Arthur, his full name is on his ID and other school documents, but hasn't used the name "Arthur" in 30 years.

He said, "I understand why it's there. It is because it is for my records showing my degree, which is what I feel it should be using your name on all documents but you can be called whatever name you want to be called, unless you legally change it."

He also believes there needs to be prevention of someone hiding

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Trustee Drayer retires from board

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Board of Trustee member John Paul Drayer calls his recent resignation "an act of protest, and a vote of no confidence against the current board."

Drayer officially announced his retirement from the board, and his teaching position of 30 years in the Los Angeles Unified School District, on March 24.

According to Cerritos College President Dr. Jose Fierro, the announcement came after Drayer made the decision to spend more time with his family, and take care of the businesses his father left behind after his death in October 2014.

In a news release put out by the college, Drayer said, "I will be taking care of our family businesses and closing probate so that my family and I can finish the grieving process over the loss of my father."

Outside factors

In addition to finishing the healing process for his family, Drayer also mentioned that there were many outside and board related factors that influenced his decision to vacate his positions.

An influence he mentioned was the death of Renee Bloch, performing arts promotion specialist at Cerritos College, whose death occurred on Feb. 2.

He said, "I'm also very upset that my friend Renee Bloch died. That affected me, too, in my decision she died of suicide. I'm

still in shock about that."

In regard to the board he said, "The board has become very negative and making my family sick from the stress."

He added that he does not want to be a part of the board anymore because he doesn't agree with it and believes, "it's a good time to leave."

Drayer also suggested there may be financial improprieties within the board and that there should be a "county, state, federal and accreditation investigation" regarding the board's actions, specifically having questions regarding a credit card account.

He has said he has not been allowed to see any specifics.

He didn't elaborate on whose credit card it was.

He continued by accusing the board of violating his rights per policy section BP 2200 saying that he, "was attacked in open session for being white/Hispanic."

The basis for his claims, he states, is because of his background, being that he is a gay white/Hispanic male of different economic background, making him an "easy target."

During the first board meeting, on Jan. 18, Drayer was involved in a verbal confrontation with Trustee Marisa Perez. At which time Perez stated allegations of harassment by Drayer. No specifics were mentioned.

He then denied the allegations and later said, "I am saddened. This harassment has continued to me, [sexual] harassment in the community, because of this campaign of hatred."

"They are being negative on a personal level, he said. "I was wronged."

He finished, saying that his family is happy that he is leaving and that he can't juggle everything in regard to the board, family matters and educational duties.

Final days

His retirement from the LAUSD will take effect on April 11 and from the board on April 19.

Drayer was appointed to the board after his predecessor, Bob Epple, died in 2012. Then was re-elected to the position in November 2014. He is also the first openly gay member to have served on the board for Cerritos College.

Drayer represented Trustee Area 3 which includes the city of Cerritos, Bellflower, Downey and South Gate.

Student Trustee Karen Patron stated that she was sad to see Drayer go, but could understand why he is doing so.

"From my understanding his father had passed away recently and he was given the duty to take over the family business," she said.

"Drayer was trying to fulfill his duties as an educator, business owner and board member all at the same time-- which can be very time consuming."

She added that she very happy to see him put his family first. Now the board will have to make big decision at the next meeting taking place on Wednesday, on how the fill the position.

The board is now tasked to finding a replacement to serve out the rest of his term, which is to end Nov. 2018.

ASCC government continues to review budget proposals

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This past Friday and Monday, next year's student budget was being continuously discussed by members of ASCC. Although the budget proposal for all clubs and programs is not yet done, they were able to get pass half of it as Commissioner of budget and Finance Ariel De La Santos said;

"From where we started meeting till now we've done over half of it, so we're expecting to finish everything, an estimate of it by next meeting which is next week."

When all the funds get distributed upon all the request by the committee, it still will need to get through senate for approval.

"We are going to be able to go through all the request by next meeting. But depending if we are able to meet the amount of budget that we have already. If not we will have to go back to other request and were we can cut just to meet the amount that was allocated for the budget. And after that we would have to purpose a budget it would have to go to senate and there would be a big discussion," Del La Santos said.

According to the Program Facil-

itator of Student Equity, Cross Culture and Title IX Resources Amber Dofner, about \$1.6 million as been "tentatively" approved out of the total amount of \$2 million.

"I think if I am not mistaken there has been about \$1.6 million that was approved tentatively. Once we are done approving everything, of course there is still cuts that need to be made and you know at the end of it, there might be funds that can be reallocated so it is really hard to say- there is really not an approved amount, it really is a tentative amount," she said.

These funds are used to try to benefit the students of Cerritos col-

lege to make education fun. One example of that can be seen from the meeting were a discussion between two clubs Puente and MEChA and their events for Caesar Chavez Day. Since both clubs have that event the committee had to discuss the distinctions in funds.

"There are two events for the Cesar Chavez [Day] that I could recall. Each club, Puente and MEChA have decided to do [two] different events on the same day. Actually I believe [they] just did those exact events last week for Cesar Chavez Day but they were recreating the march to Sacramento and also a performance. Two things that were

funded and tentatively approved by the Budget and Finance Committee [for next year]," said Dofner.

These two, although the same name had to be funded separately. It is these things that the committee had to talk about and do.

The next meet will take place on April, 14 and will most likely be a few more weeks until everything is finalized.

As De La Santos says, "Next week we'll just be finished as a committee discussing it but the whole budget process still going to be a few more weeks."

Funding for computerized kiosks delayed again

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For the second time since 2016, the legislation “Funding of Computerized Kiosk” is back on the table and it’s second try for it to be passed.

The electronic kiosk would be an interactive touch screen that would be placed on campus.

The kiosk will allow students to go through the interface to be aware of student life and club activities, events and academic deadlines.

The funds were approved for the first time in 2016 by ASCC Cabinet and went back and forth as Senator Eduardo Del La Rosa explains.

“There was a different dean last year. The first time that it was approved, it went to accounting services, [then] it reached a point where it stopped and they said ‘We know it passed through cabinet, but we need the senate to approve it.’

“Then it came back and went to senate, then back to cabinet again just to be safe. We took it forward, then they said, ‘No we’ll wait! That’s a brand new system, we just can’t do that yet’.

“It came back to senate again then the legislation was changed so it can fit what was being requested from accounting” Del la Rosa said.

On March 29, ASCC Senate sent the legislation back to cabinet.

Homecoming Queen Megan Kim who presented the item to senate, and will be back presenting it to cabinet on April 10, said she fears that this back and forth of senate and cabinet will happen again.

“I’m afraid it might [go back] again, to be honest. I’m not going to benefit from this because I want to transfer.

“I’m really doing this because I think it will be beneficial for the students, but if this keeps getting tossed back and forth, I don’t think there [are] going to be people who [will] be working on it for next year. I am afraid that it might [be] delayed,” she said.

Kim fears that since many of the members in student government are transferring this semester, and the combination of it being delayed again, it might just be pushed for another year.

Many of those who understand and are familiar with the legislation proposal will no longer attend Cerritos College because they will be transferring and will no longer be in student government.

Del La Rosa, speaks of the last years proposal and how it didn’t get through the bureaucracy.

“When the year was coming to a close end, the purchase was made [and] the request was made, [...] [but] it [stopped] being fol-

lowed up on when; 1) our dean was transitioning to Fullerton college to pursue a career as vice president.

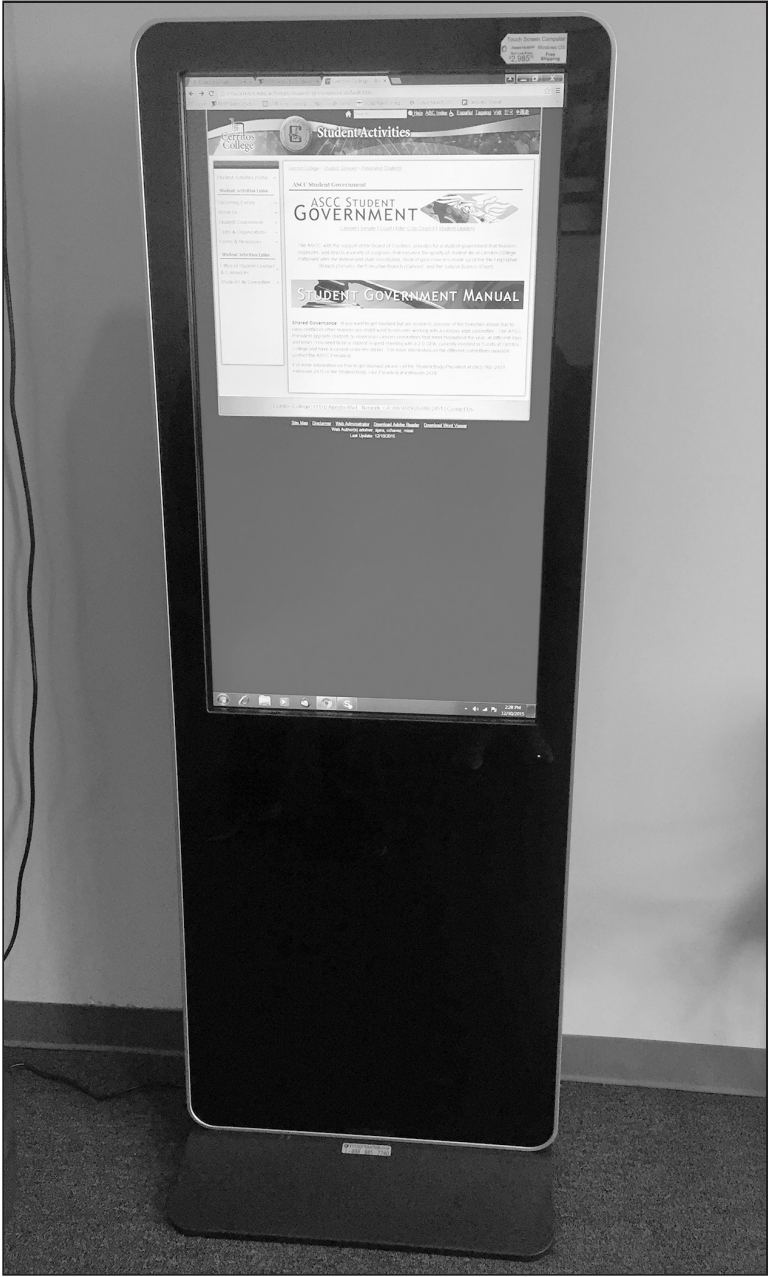
2) technical support denied the request because they said that they hadn’t seen it before. Typically in the past, the dean of the department would make contact and say ‘Hey, you know what? We’re interested in buying this. Would this be able to comply with what’s required from the school?’ Then they denied it.”

De La Rosa continued by explaining when he brought this up to the current president Saul Lopez-Pulido.

“I asked the current president, ‘so hey why did they deny it?’ He said over the summer he met with [technical support] and he said they were unfamiliar with what is going on. [It] just seemed so brand new.

“It was at the end of a [dean that was leaving]and they didn’t feel comfortable approving until we had a new dean of who was well aware of what was going on and fully familiar with the program and that had the dean’s support also, because some of us are leaving and they may not agree, but it does have the dean’s support now,” he said.

According to the presentation given by Kim to senate, the purchase of the device will be approximately \$5,570, which is smaller than last year’s cost of \$5,970.



COURTESY OF MEGAN KIM
Bold words: If the funding of the computerized kiosk legislation is approved, then this touchscreen will be placed in Falcon Square. Students will be able to interact with it and be notified of programs and club events.



DAVID JENKINS/TM
Increase funding: ASCC Senator David Ramirez and Student Trustee Karen Patron discuss the updates for funds students who go on school trips use. The students receive a designated amount of \$42 for meals per day, but must turn in receipts to continue to receive money.

ASCC Senate updates Meal Money funding

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Senate continued last week’s discussion on the Meal Money item, where senate will be able to provide money to students who request meal funding when they travel on educational trips.

This funding will cover the student’s breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

ASCC Senator David Ramirez presented a few new changes on the item funding that was passed on March 1.

He stated that the amount in the Meal Money funding \$29 was not enough and has been an issue for students on their economy during their trips.

The legislation was changed from \$29 to \$42 per student, per day, per academic year from the Senate Fund account.

The new meal price limit for students is:

- Breakfast \$10.00
- Lunch \$14.00
- Dinner \$18.00

Another change in the legislation is that if a meal, or meals, are provided at the event, trip, workshop, etc.,

then the meal, or meals, will be deducted from the total funding of each student.

Ramirez said “A lot of students could barely afford to go on these trips but they don’t have the money to eat there.

“I believe this updates our legislation, because back then it was only \$29 for a day and now it’s up to \$40 so a student can actually afford meals and get the nourishment [to] participate. We are actually able to do something for the students.”

He added that a lot of the Senators went to the Northern California trip where they visit several colleges in one week and benefited from the funding.

Senator Graciela Espejo was one the senators that used the funding in the Northern California trip and commented that it is a great idea that the funding was boosted to \$42 because it helps current and future students.

“I’m very thankful they have this [funding because] it saved me a little bit of my money and I was able to buy a couple souvenirs at the North Cal trip,” Espejo said.

Senator Eduardo de La Rosa initially wrote the leg-

islation and presented it to senate with Transfer Center Counselor Brittany Lundeen on March, 1 and was successfully passed in that meeting.

De la Rosa also benefited from the funding in the Northern California trip.

“I signed up to go and I got the phone call and they said ‘Hey, lucky you, Congratulations! You’re going to go, but you have to pay for your food’ and I was like ‘are you serious? For three days? That sucks [because] I’m broke [...]”

“I wrote up the legislation and presented it to Senate and everybody voted to support it,” de La Rosa said.

Student Trustee Karen Patron says the funding needed to be changed because it was a problem for students and the economy.

She added that senators discussed it but no one took action so she decided to act.

Patron also benefited from the funding and explained how the legislation works.

“I’ve gone to General Assembly various of times and they paid for my lunch.

“The adviser gives you the money to pay for the food and you have to give the receipts you get from the food to the adviser,” Patron said.

Name change policy discussed by senate implemented on campus

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an identity and having history of being a child abuser.

Raphael added that the senate meeting was a discussion matter to gauge how the senators felt about the item and also to gain input on what should and should not be included in the policy.

She adds, “There were some concerns about use, misuse, and abuse of preferred names so that would be

something to include in [the policy], and I’ve seen other schools put that in their policy as well.”

She mentioned the colleges that already have a policy implemented in the systems are Occidental College, Orange Coast College and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

“The way that the preferred name policy would go, we need to figure out which documents would be impacted, so that is the other reason why we would need a policy, and why other schools would need a policy,” Raphael said.

While she believes Cerritos College is becoming an inclusive environment, she believes that it is im-

portant to create a policy that will unify the behind-the-scenes systems to make them cohesively represent the same information.

“It is another thing to have infrastructure in place so that the systems can communicate with one another. To make OrgSync do that, there needs to be an infrastructure in place.

“It is not necessarily saying that the policy is going to make us do it, the policy is going to allow us to figure out which systems are impacted by it,” Raphael explained.

Senator Gisselle Moreno thinks implementing the preferred name

policy is a sensitive topic but understands the need to make one.

She said, “I do agree to some extent, however I do think there still needs to be some revisions and debate on it, just to make sure everything is cleared out because I do understand some safety concerns that goes a long with it.”

Raphael agrees with Kang stating the right to privacy but is eager to know more information regarding the policy.

Raphael believes there needs to be continued discussion once the policy is drafted so Cerritos College can implement it into the system.

April Calendar

Wednesday, 5th

- ASCC Presidential & Student Trustee Elections
- **Time:** 9am-2pm and 5pm-8pm
 - **Place:** Food Court Patio, SS Patio, North of PST Building, and Student Activities Patio

- Health and Wellness
Complex Groundbreaking
- **Time:** 5pm
 - **Place:** Behind Falcon Gymnasium
- ASCC Senate
- **Time:** 2pm
 - **Place:** BK111/112

Thursday, 6th

- ASCC Presidential & Student Trustee Elections
- **Time:** 9am-2pm and 5pm-8pm
 - **Place:** Food Court Patio, SS Patio, North of PST Building, and Student Activities Patio
- Job Fair
- **Time:** 9:30am-1pm
 - **Place:** Library Sidewalk

- Enterprise Rent-a-Car
Job Info Session
- **Time:** 11am-12pm
 - **Place:** LC217

- Women’s History Month:
Violence Against Women
- **Time:** 11am-12:30pm
 - **Place:** SS14i

Friday, 7th

- Senior Preview Day
- **Time:** 8:30am-12:30pm
 - **Place:** Cerritos College campus

Saturday, 8th

- AB540 Dreamer’s
Conference
- **Time:** 8am-1pm
 - **Place:** Student Center
- Talon Marks Reunion
- **Time:** 6pm
 - **Place:** Student Center

Monday, 10th

- Queer Modernism:
Art Scholarly Talk
- **Time:** 6:30pm
 - **Place:** FA133
- ASCC Cabinet
- **Time:** 2pm
 - **Place:** BK111/112

Tuesday, 11th

- Pizza and Politics with
Assembly Majority Leader
Ian Calderon
- **Time:** 12:30pm-2pm
 - **Place:** Student Center
- Women’s History Month:
Seminars on Feminism &
Religion
- **Time:** 2pm-3:30pm
 - **Place:** Student Center

- Faculty Senate
- **Time:** 11am-12:20pm
 - **Place:** Cheryl A. Apple Board Room

- ASCC Court
- **Time:** 11am
 - **Place:** BK111/112

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Editorial Statement:

It has been brought to the attention of the Editorial Board of Talon Marks that an error was made in the Wednesday, March 29 issue.

Located on the College Life page of the paper was a story done on an awareness fair put on by the Financial Aid Department.

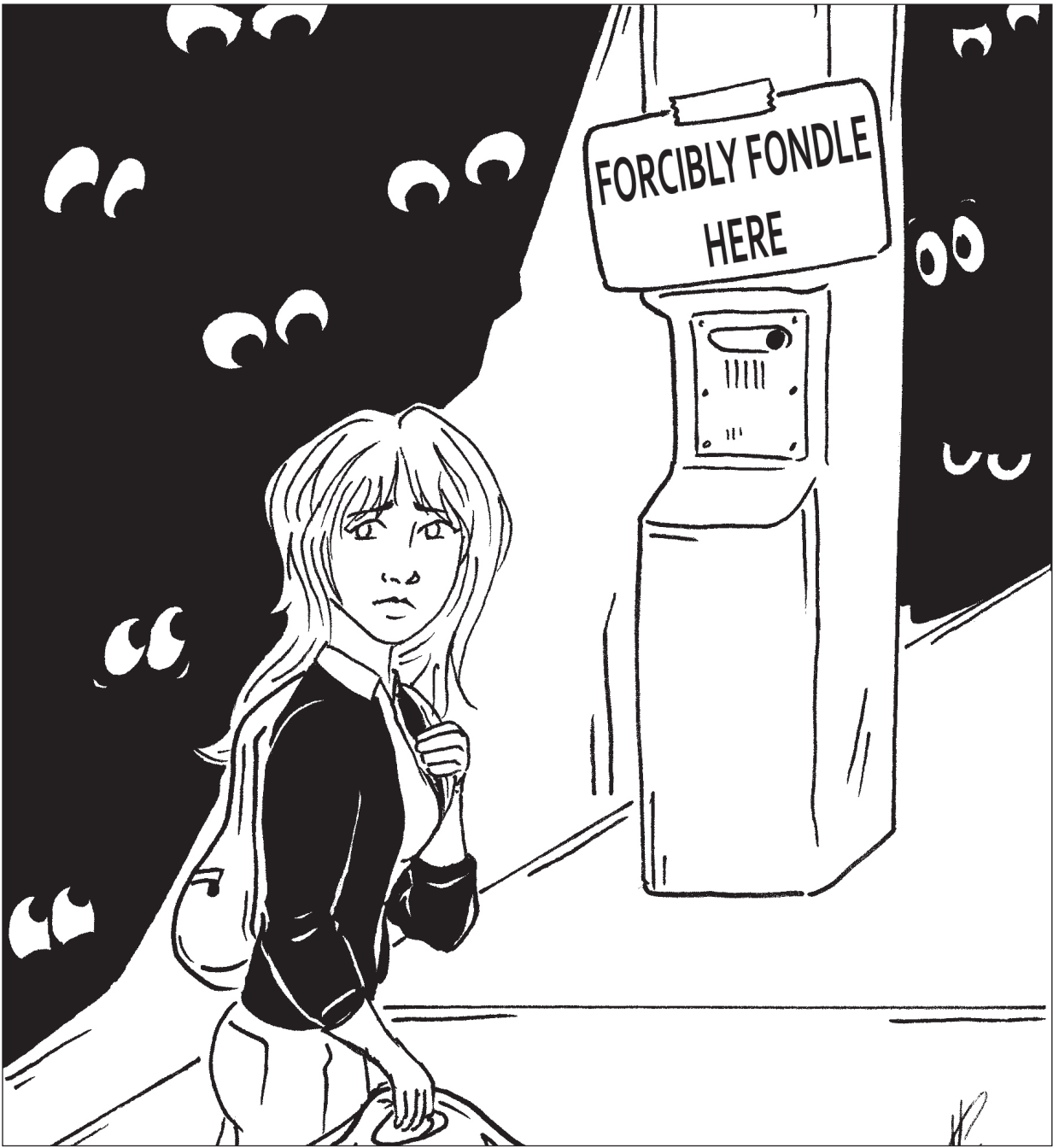
In the attached the photo, the caption associated with the photo is incorrect.

The information provided was incorrect, and the number of participants for the day was over 160 students.

The new information was provided by the Financial Aid Department.

EDITORIAL

I don't touch yours so don't touch mine



CARLOS MARQUEZ/TM

No one ever wakes up in the morning and says “ah, I can't wait to get to school and be assaulted.”

So why should we allow the campus of Cerritos College be an accessible setting for such acts?

Individuals attend a school in order to become educated, not molested.

With the recent increase of sexual harassment and fondling incidents, students are on high alert here which is rational due to the low visibility and lighting available on campus.

Students do take the recommended preventive measures such as walking in groups at night and carrying mace but how are they able to defend themselves in high-risk areas such as locker rooms, restrooms and even the school parking lots?

What could be done in order to ensure the decrease in sexual assault incidents? What can the student body do to ensure a safe learning environment?

That is a question students of Cerritos College should be taking into consideration.

What can the student body do to ensure a safe learning environment?

Now, it is not being advocated that students put on a cape and skin tight leather in a feeble attempt to ward off the “bad guys”.

Vigilantism is not being advocated.

What is being advocated is that students should use the resources al-

ready available to them.

Use their voices to make a difference, use their voices to invoke such action such as more cadet foot patrol or blue lights by locker rooms, library, the far side of campus and any other high risk areas.

No student, or any individual should fear coming to school, no one should have to worry about his privacy or intimacy being violated, especially in an setting which one should naturally feel safe in.

Students must speak up and voice their concerns, they must bring there concerns to the ears of the campus police and campus president, Dr. Fierro.

It is easy for a voice to be heard if it is amplified.

Sexual assault, harassment, rape and molestation are not matters that should be taken tenderly in their prevention.

Nobody wants to hear that their mother, sister, brother, friend or significant other has become a victim of assault.

Violation can only take a few moments but it leaves a lasting impression, possibly resulting in trauma, depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, unwanted pregnancy or contraction of an sexually transmtted infection.

Half the time victims never come forward because of fear of victim shaming or that they will be attacked again or even killed.

So no one is entirely sure of the number of forced sexual based inci-

dents have occurred on this campus in this semester alone.

Try to envision yourself in that situation, try to envision yourself alone in a secluded area, a stranger is approaching you despite your pleas for him or her to get away from you.

You shout for help but no one can come to your aid because they can't hear you, there is not a campus cadet in sight. The only thing you cn hear is his/her voice telling you to shut-up as you are being violated.

Students must rally together and advocate for a safer campus, advocate for more police presence, advocate for more blue lights and especially advocate for brighter lighting.

Voice concerns during President's Hour or Coffee with a Cop, perfect platforms in order to bring light to a rising situation that must be resolved.

Become an advocate for your fellow students, add a touch of compassion to our campus.

Let Cerritos College be known for its outstanding students, not for its penchant for fondling.

Band together, speak out and make Cerritos College a safe and worry-free place for students and faculty to learn and teach safely, without the fear of being violated, without the fear of becoming a victim, without the fear of becoming just another statistic in the already hefty on-campus crime report.

-THE ENVELOPE-

Join a club today

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It would be excellent if you joined one of the many clubs and donated to their affiliated causes if you have the resources to spare.

If you attend Cerritos College Dr. Jose Fierro's President's Hour you would know that enrollment is down. Perhaps because going to college has diminishing returns.

During a town hall meeting held on March 2, ASCC president Saul Lopez-Pulido said that student involvement with clubs was down.

In a private interview he said that involvement is slowly on the rise again (despite enrollment being down), after all there were apparently “a lot” of clubs participating in the 2017 Falcon Games.

“Nice,” Lopez summarized.

The clubs on campus might be experiencing this new, steady increase in student involvement because the clubs on campus, now more than ever, are aligning themselves with the needs and desires of the modern student.

The clubs on campus show a surplus of awareness by doing charitable acts as part of their curriculum, which many would say is an important addition to the college experience.

As its website says, President Franklin Roosevelt's personal struggle with polio led him to create the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis also known as March for Dimes at a time when polio was on the rise.

Phi Beta Lambda is working in cooperation with March for Dimes, an organization that gives funding to premature birth research and saves lives through small donations

from many people.

Another such charitable act was a free suicide prevention certification workshop hosted by Active Minds with guest speaker Becky Fein.

“Changing the conversation about mental health,” which is what Fein said was the objective of Active Minds, has increased importance because of the current political climate facilitated by the Trump regime.

These activities are not just good for the community, they are also good for the individual student.

If you have the time, ability and resources to help others, and helping others for the sake of helping others is not enough of a reward for you, charity can also boost your low self-esteem.

Kim Berling talked to me about her students in the Compassion in Action club, saying that, “[Club members] have said they feel a deep level of personal empowerment,” and better about themselves; because “there is something about helping others that makes them feel like they are worth while.”

What are you waiting for?



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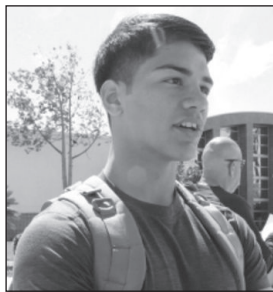
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HOW DOES FINANCIAL AID AFFECT YOU?



NATANIA FERNOLL
BIOLOGY MAJOR

“It doesn't really affect me because my parents make enough to pay for me, but I wish I qualified for it.”



CARLOS ZAMORA
PHYSICAL THERAPY

“If it wasn't because of FAFSA, I wouldn't come here. My family doesn't have money and since I just got out of high school FAFSA has helped me come here.”



VIRIDIANA CABRERA
NURSING

“It helps me being in college because my parents don't have the income to provide for me. Without the aid it would be harder for me to be in college.”



LUIS ANTONIO LOPEZ
COMPUTER SCIENCE

“I do receive FAFSA, but I only get the fee waiver. I still have to pay for the textbooks which it's still a problem, but still it's better than not getting anything.”

The debate on abortive right:

Is it a human right?

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Abortion is not a new concept, yet the taboo topic of the termination of life has evolved into a political stance instead of a human right. It's is a basic human right all people deserve and need.

In the case of others arguing against it with the ideology and belief that self-righteousness: **Your religion does not universally constitute what is right or wrong!**

It is the lack of empathy and proper education that we have not begun to learn to agree on a fundamental human right.

All people deserve the right to terminate an unwanted pregnancy. With the anti-choice versus pro-choice abortion rates it all begins with education and how we become informed on our bodies and how they work.

The lack of education on how

to use contraception in our high schools definitely factors into why teenage pregnancy has risen. Simply not telling kids how to protect themselves does not stop them from continuing to have sex.

So lets start with having pro-lifers providing affordable prescribed contraception, teaming up with Planned Parenthood, handing out condoms and giving proper education in schools and middle schools.

Whether you believe life begins at conception or not, having the option to choose on a health decision that can impact your life and everyone around you, having the right to control your body and what happens to it is necessary.

Save Roe, because being pro-life doesn't mean you have to be against pro-choice, it just means we should be protecting women whose lives will carry on future generations. It starts with each other.

Is it a human life?

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Should abortions be allowed? If meat is murder how much more is killing a baby embryo?

Abortion is not an easy thing to deal with.

There is a lot of sorrow and devastation in the aftermath of an abortion. Is this quick fix the best solution?

Abortions *do* get you out of the responsibility of raising a child, abortions *do* cover up an affair and some feel people have the right to end the early stages of a developing life inside of a womb.

The topic of Jesus is not as popular as the pleasure of sex is in this day and age. How bad is abstinence until marriage?

Easier said than done but will save you several heartaches and mistakes.

Sex is heavily pushed through the media. Men get half naked women in Victoria Secret commercials, women get movies like 'Magic Mike,' pornography is tangible, and this generation's rap music is last generations sex, drugs and rock and roll. Lustful times we are living in.

These things do increase hormones, which increase sexual activity and also the chances of an pregnancy and also abortion.

The truth of the matter is I fight to live under Gods rule. But yes as a Christian, I fall short of the glory of God and I can give in to temptation because the quick fix seems right at the time; but once the conviction of the Holy Spirit kicks in, I have to repent.

Whether you've had an abortion or not it doesn't make you any worse or better than someone else.

From what I believe we all have sin and are in need of a savior.

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Checking in: Students taking registration before the opening of psychology day. Psychology department co-chair Kimberly Duff, who supervised the students who participated in Psychology Day, said that those students were “very instrumental --” for contacting speakers from different communities and universities, and organizing the event (such as taking registration).

Psi Beta hosts psychology day

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Knowledge, experience and networking, that’s what many psychology majors and others got from the Psychology Day hosted by Psi Beta.

Carlos Osorio, the president of Psi Beta, explained in a presentation at the kick off of the event that the Cerritos College chapter of Psi Beta is the first to be established in the state and second in the nation.

Dr. Jacklyn Ronquillo, advisor of Psi Beta, added that the club helps with networking.

After this presentation, the group that had gathered for Psychology Day broke off and went to the Business Building-- to see factions of research students give psychological explanations of the various experiments they executed.

One such group was Amethyst Macaspac, Elicabeth Muanoz-Castellanos and Keith Banuelos who studied the “Bystander Effect” on small group size.

Research participant Macaspac commented, “There is a diffusion

of responsibility; where-- because there are so many people-- the responsibility to help another person is being passed from one person to another. So no one actually helps.”

She added that the group examined the possible reversal of that; which is, as their hypothesis speculated, “If someone else were to help, the participant in the study would be aware that someone is helping and be more likely to help.”

Psychology Castellanos, who “collected most of the statistics,” said that she also was the one that talks to the participants and “gives out papers.”

Banuelos, also a psychology major, had the job of being a mock-participant in the study and dropping a stack of papers to wait and see if anyone would come and help.

Another group was Shawn Kelly, Jacqueline Adrade and Samantha Zemorano who studied how symmetry of the face affects someone’s first impressions.

“In research methods,” Zemorano stated, “we go around the room and see who is interested in

what. After that we team up.”

She went on to say that her group was interested in the “Halo Effect,” which is the effect your appearance has on how people view you.

That group became more precise in their motives and wanted to see if women’s self-esteems fluctuate if they are in the presence of an “attractive” female versus an “unattractive” one.

Adrade added, that it is easier to choose a group partner than a life partner in reference to her statement that choosing the right group is an important element of a project.

An intern and psychology major at Cal-State Fullerton Samuel Valle gave a similar presentation on how low-sensitivity drinkers and drinkers with high motives are more at risk.

“One thing I want students at Cerritos College to know,” Valle said, “is that it’s okay to drink, but you’ve got to start limiting yourself.”

Katie St. John, instructor of psychology gave a talk on the orgasm gap between heterosexual women and homosexual women

and why it exists.

Beforehand she stated, “The key points will be orgasms are important to study to relationship satisfaction and functioning,” in addition to the idea that the female orgasm is “elusive.”

“If you look at lesbian couples, it’s really not that elusive,” St. John explained, “there are things that you can do to minimize that gap between heterosexual couples and non-heterosexual couples.”

Psychology department co-chair Kimberly Duff, who supervised the students who participated in Psychology Day, said that those students were “very instrumental--” for contacting speakers from different communities and universities, and organizing the event (such as taking registration).

Duff gave a talk on mentoring successful Cerritos College students-- saying that because students from the school are going on to transfer successfully and getting masters and PhDs.

One point Duff says is important for students to hear is even if you don’t have the “perfect GPA,” extracurriculars show how dedicated you are.

In Production club assists non-profit organizations

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In Production President Kristin Quick said, “I think the best part about working with the community is because we are all still students at community college, we are still developing our skills, and instead of trying to go out and find work when we are not fully developed yet, we can do it for free for community members that need it.”

The film club, In Production, is working closely with the film portion of the non-profit organization Southern California Crossroads to bring awareness to low-income communities that are underrepresented.

SCC is located in Lynwood, California, where Quick says in Production has four volunteers working with “at-risk-youth and people that are in gangs” to provide a means to a better future.

The film portion began in 2007, where, according to The LA Times, “The film program, in partnership with the New York-based Tribeca Film Institute and St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood, allows students to confront social issues in their communities and their lives.”

Quick mentions she works with SCC to teach at a high school, and aims at creating public service announcements for the people that can’t volunteer at Crossroads and will continue to make them during the summer and into 2018.

In Production also works with other companies around Cerritos College to make promotional videos or commercials.

Six club members, including Vice President Ryan de Hoop and Secretary/ Treasurer Tallal Dahar recently worked on a promotional video for an Airbnb owner in Crestline, California during spring break weekend.

They worked for 18 hours the first day and 12 hours the second day to get what they needed.

de Hoop said, “The importance for working for a non-profit and organizations such as that is important to establish community within a community [...] With our In Production Club, we can provide our services and make promotions for non-profits that maybe need something [like] an outlet [or] medium to promote their [content].”

Quick emphasized the importance of teamwork among the six members and a great learning experience because they know how to

work better, saying they were, “all on the same boat” and kept pushing to complete the project, and no one lagged behind.

She hopes the club can have more opportunities like that because it was fun and it was a good learning experience with helping and teamwork.

Dahar said, “This whole film program and everything is teamwork, and everyone’s involvement is really important.”

Film professor Steven Hirohama told the Foundation about the project, which created an interest in funding both compensation and the finished project for the club.

Quick mentions The Jobs Program, created by Hirohama for the film program where he finds projects for the students to do.

She says, “We do it for free for the community, but [for] The Jobs Program, we all submit resumes and it is competitive, and we get paid through [...] a scholarship which is great for us because we get to do the work and we don’t charge the community.”

Quick, Dahar and de Hoop mutually agreed that their professor Hirohama has pushed his students by providing as many opportunities as he is able to and they feel grateful and indebted to him for his passion and dedication to the film program and his students.

The club members are working on having a film festival with student projects to raise enough money to take some of the members to a film convention in Las Vegas.

There is currently no date set yet, but after the members fill out ASCC paperwork and wait for approval and clearance from the new Fine Arts building, they will start promoting the event.

Quick and de Hoop also mentioned a project the film program is working on.

“We do have something going on for the whole Fine Arts Department.

“We are in a combined class of Cinematography and Music Video so everyone is paired up with a Cinematography student and a Music Video student, and we are each going to a head of each department for the Fine Arts [division] and we are going to be doing promotional videos for that department,” Quick said.

She says they will do it for all art departments on campus and it will be a big project that will be completed by the end of the semester.

Student uses disadvantages as motivation

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Many do not value their potential and abilities to be successful and accomplish what they want to pursue.

But why is it that we tend to drop out of school, when we have everything to succeed? Meanwhile students with disabilities, are still willing to do whatever it takes to follow their dreams.

Anthony Melena, 24, is one of many students attending Cerritos College; the only thing that differs him from the majority of the campus’s population is that he is blind.

Melena shared that he has not always been completely blind.

So, does he miss what he once had?

“I was born blind, but at three months I got surgery and I was able to see from one eye for about eight years,” he shared.

“I knew that I wasn’t going to have my sight all the time. I just

didn’t know when it would happen.”

He was able to see color, shapes, and the outlines of people.

“Definitely no detail,” Melena expressed when talking about his ability to distinguish visuals. Arms, heads, and faces are unfamiliar to him.

He only sees very bright lights like the sun, but even that very strong light that for us truly hurts our vision, he can only feel it.

Many people might think, “But what does a blind person see?”

“It’s not even really what you see; it’s just that you don’t use it anymore. It’s like a reality that isn’t there anymore,” he expressed.

Melena said that being a blind student is a struggle that is something that he is going to deal with for the rest of his life, and that it should not be depressing, but instead it is his motivation to knock down this barrier and follow his dreams.

“It’s all perspective, we all have our own barriers, you might be de-

pressed or you might have something at home that really drags you down, and in a sense, that might be a disability.

“Maybe it stops you from being productive or it stops you from being the person you want to be. I think blindness is that way, were if you let it become a barrier that is going to stop you from going to school or living a productive life,” Melena shared.

He is currently on track to transfer to either UC Irvine or Santa Barbara for a BA in sociology.

He is more than motivated to pursue his goals and blindness will not take away that from him.

“It’s something that I had to battle with, at the end of the day I have a choice to make, and it’s whether I want to be at home and cry over my disability or try my best and compete along with everyone else. I’m a much happier person for at least getting out there and trying.”

Melena’s views toward life have been recognized by one of his fa-

vorite professors, speech professor Angela Nagao.

She first met Melena when he enrolled in one of her online classes and visited her to talk about his needs as a blind student.

“My first reaction was to focus on how I can best provide for Anthony [Melena],” she said.

Nagao believes that having an interactive classroom environment where everyone feels welcome and comfortable is the most important thing that has to be developed following by good communication.

Also by providing lectures and assignments with a screen reader program that aids blind students.

She says that having a student like Melena has motivated her professionally to improve her teaching to create an engaging environment with equal inclusion.

On the personal side, Nagao says that Melena’s “drive to succeed and his personal warmth” reminds her that every individual has a story, that we should all learn from them.

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Lauren Shippen: Bright Sessions

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Are you a fan of superheroes?
How about superheroes in therapy?

If you answer yes to either of those questions, then The Bright Sessions, created by Lauren Shippen, should definitely be on your radar.

The Bright Sessions is an immersive audio drama podcast that is both fascinating and compelling, takes storytelling to another level.

Told through a unique format of therapy and audio recordings, the listener follows therapist Dr. Bright as she provides therapy for the “strange and unusual” or those with supernatural abilities.

Now on its third season, what continues to make this audio drama podcast so fascinating is not only the remarkable storytelling and compelling plot, but also the characters.

With each episode more is revealed not only about her patients (Atypicals) and how their abilities impact their daily lives, but Dr. Bright herself dives deep and uncovers the mysteries and complexities of these characters.

Alternating between patients each episode, they range from 15 to 25 minutes with a few mini-episodes in between.

The first few episodes introduce the listener to her newest patients, like Chloe Turner, a college student and artist who has the ability to hear people’s thoughts.

These characters are also encountering daily situations that many people can relate to, for instance balancing schoolwork and college, forging friendships and relationships, and handling the stresses of everyday life.

It also weaves in a number of themes such as self-acceptance, family, friendship and independence.

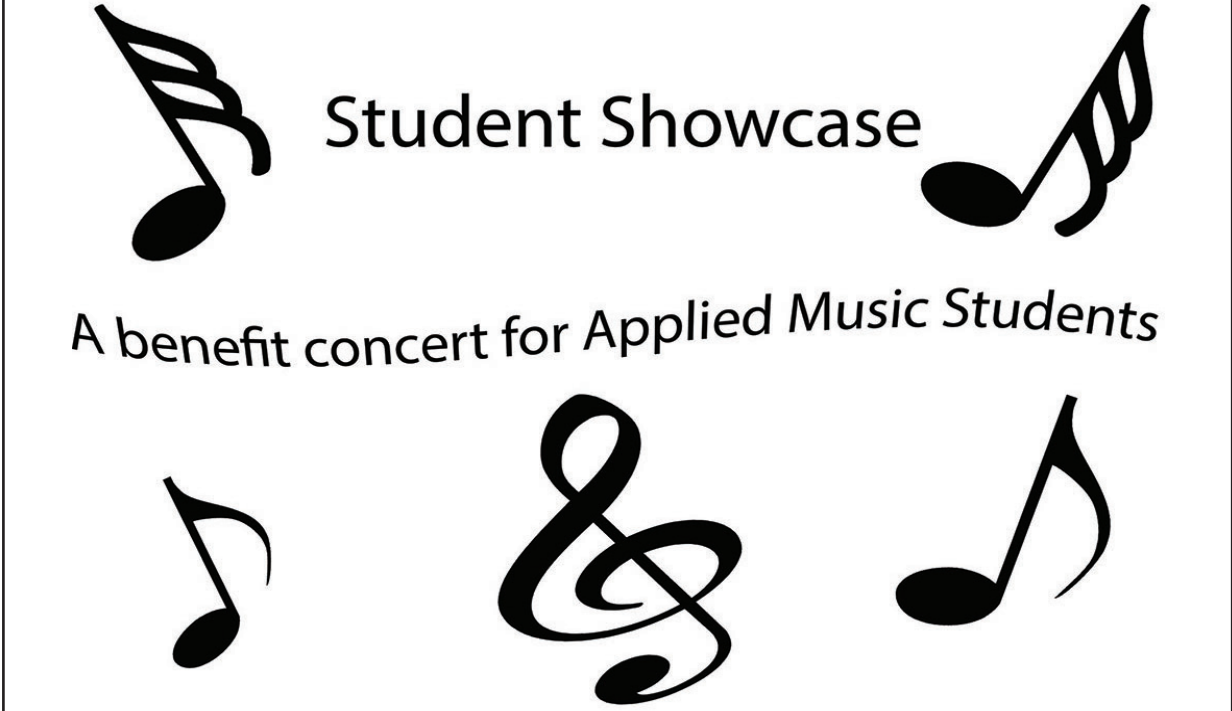
The interesting dynamic between the characters is portrayed through the phenomenal voice acting and overall performance which really brings them to life. Even the morally grey and questionable characters, will be ones you’ll inevitably find yourself intrigued and eager to learn more about.

The Bright Sessions also delivers with inclusion of diversity.

Throughout this podcast there is discussion on mental health and characters who identify as gay, asexual and bisexual.

I find myself in awe of how much higher the bar is set with the release of each new episode.

With compelling characters and storytelling and the unique twist brought to the idea of superheroes and super powers, The Bright Sessions is not a podcast to miss!



Music Department concert showcases student’s talent to community

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Cerritos College hosted a classical music show case on Thursday, to show family members and other audiences the applied students who were awarded with scholarships.

The scholarships presented were: Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarships to Anna Lopez, Crystal Machado and Phillip Varela; Pepsi Scholarships to Chelsie Lee and Henry Mock; and the Music Teachers Association of California to Raul Arroyo, all part of the music program for this current semester.

“It’s the best of the best,” said Andrew Maz, Chair of Music Department when referring to the performers.

formers.

Maz also said that this event is the department’s way to show the community and the school what the students can do.

He added that the arts are very important and that everyone should be a part of it.

Timothy Chen, undecided major, volunteered as an usher when one of his classes was looking for student volunteers.

He said that this event was very beneficial as well as other functions.

For this particular event, he said that there are two main purposes to make it important, “As a performance it recognizes people who are doing well in the Applied Program and to also serve as a scholarship benefit concert.”

Chen also said that art is important because it shapes our culture and that it is important to be intentional about what kind of art and culture one consumes because it forms “our social fabric.”

He said that there is no reason

for performers to be shy about their talents, or when the time of performing comes.

“When you are on stage, you are performing something that you already know, you’re not doing anything new. You’re doing something that you’ve spent hours and hours preparing yourself in the practice room; When the performance time comes, [one must] own that performance,” mentions Chen.

Andrea Aguilar, music performance major, was one of the performers at the event.

Aguilar, a flutist, performed along with pianist Kim Kyounghee, she said that she had been practicing for her performance for the last three months.

“It made me feel proud because my work finally payed off, all those hours practicing in the room,” she expressed.

She encourages other students that are shy to perform or express a talent, to “play their heart out” and to do what they love.



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The Mildly Powered Rangers, should stay as a fond 90s memory

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Amid cries of ruined childhoods and Hollywood cash grabs, Saban’s Power Rangers proved that it was just in fact a movie and not the end of the world for viewers.

In fact, the best way to summarize Power Rangers would be that it is neither great nor horrible, but it simply is just a movie.

The kind that you watch in theaters and leave saying “that was alright” and forget about until it inevitably winds up on FX or HBO a year or so later when nothing else is on.

If you even vaguely remember the original Mighty Morphin Power Rangers show then you already vaguely know the plot of the movie.

Five teenagers with attitude discover an alien power that allows them to transform in to superheroes and fight evil in the form of Rita Repulsa (played this time by Elizabeth Banks), occasionally in robot dinosaurs called Zords.

Billy, the Blue Ranger played by RJ Cyler, is on the autism spectrum (though it is never stated where he is on “the spectrum”) and is the most entertaining of the rangers due to his commitment to the team as a family.

Trini, the Yellow Ranger played by Becky G, is identified as a lesbian.

She is experiencing relationship troubles and is also concerned with the real life issue of how parents might react.

Both of these decisions are excellent not because of their inclusion, but due to the fact that they are

not the central focus of the characters, just a layer to them like real people.

Banks also does an excellent job at chewing scenery, living up to the full campiness of the series.

When she’s not toying with the Rangers, she is instead terrorizing the public with a grin and a well practiced evil laugh.

Yet she seems to be the only one who embraces the cheesy factor that comes with the title.

Yes, the actors all make quips and jokes, and openly acknowledge how insane this all sounds, but instead of lighthearted fun, they spend a lot of time being angst ridden teens.

Visually the movie is rather dull, despite the multi-colored theme.

The Rangers costumes have rather muted tones, and their Zords match.

Yet there is a single moment where it goes full ham, but those afraid of spoilers beware. A single exceptionally great moment where, against a backdrop of all five Zords running side by side, for a brief second the original theme song is played.

It may not be worth the price of admission, but you’ll feel like a kid again and that has worth.

Movie Review

Powers Rangers

Starring: Elizabeth Banks, Becky G, Dacre Montgomery, Ludi Lin, RJ Cyler

Director: Dean Israelite

Rating: ★★★

Lana Del Rey is witchy and wild as shit now

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Witchcraft.

Some suspected it in the music video Born To Die -- where she sits on a throne, dressed like Baphomet-- has sex on an altar (a car)-- and chants verses resembling Freemason initiation rituals.

She hinted to it in the song, The Blackest Day:

“*You should’ve known better/ Than to have to let her/ Get you under her spell of the weather./ I got you where I want you./ You’re deader than ever--/ And falling for forever./ I’m playing head games with you./ Got you where I want you.*”

LANA DEL REY
Singer

She hinted more aggressively with this tweet, suggesting that her fans curse Donald Trump.

But Lana Del Rey has finally announced outright that she is a friendly witch with the trailer of her new album, “Lust For Life.”

In the trailer she states that because she is making her record in such a tumultuous period in history (referring to United State’s political environment), she needs space to consider what her contribution should be “in these dark times.”

In the trailer, the Summertime Sadness singer dons an elegant and simple, all black ensemble-- and uses telekinetic powers to levitate phones, chalices and hourglasses and creates small holographic

spheres resembling planets; going on to say that having a pure heart and good intentions (referring to the spell she put on Donald Trump) is the worthiest gift an artist can offer.

Because Donald Trump cheated comrade Bernie Sanders out of the presidency (and thus students out of free education), we ought to take Del Rey’s lead put curses on politicians such as our current commander in chief, Paul Ryan and Cory Booker (who have recently both tried to screw over poor people with a right wing healthcare and the initial refusal of the American public cost-effective medication).

In addition to this, and in support of the oppositional forces that fight against the rapidly growing fascist sects in the U.S., it is imperative that college students everywhere purchase Lana Del Rey’s next album “Lust For Life”-- which features the absolutely celestial song Love, paired with a music video of hipsters in space!

Put down your tarot cards, finish your hexes; grab your broom sticks and fly on over to Target and purchase (don’t steal) “Lust For Life!”



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Fans of Rick and Morty were fooled on April Fools Day

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In an ultimate April Fool’s Day prank, creators of the hugely popular cartoon, “Rick and Morty,” released the highly-anticipated first episode of the third season on April 1st to the confusion and disbelief of fans.

“Rick and Morty” is a show on Adult Swim about an alcoholic, mad scientist (Rick) and his nervous, low-confident grandson (Morty) that sees them undergo crazy sci-fi adventures through inter-dimensional galaxies and realities, all while offering potty humor and cultural one-liners.

The “Rick and Morty” season three premiere didn’t skip a beat and picked off right where season two’s cliffhanger left off.

Our hero is Rick in a hopeless situation with the Galactic Federation (the governing body of the show’s universe) after the wedding of his best friend takes a dark, twisted turn.

This time the wacky, improvisational scientist must get out of the mess he got himself, his family and the rest of planet Earth in with the help of Morty and his sister, Summer, before the planet is subjected to a complete alien takeover.

The episode provided fans with answers to all of their questions and concerns about the state of the characters and the general direction of the show, in the most satisfying

of ways.

There was plot twists, heroics and an abundance amount of comedic reliefs.

There is enough action to fill the void that was missing from the latest Power Rangers movie-- in just one episode.

It was epic, to say the least.

It felt more than a season premiere-- it felt like a grandiose season-ending episode.

This season premiere will have you wanting more “Rick and Morty” episodes, and more McDonald’s Szechuan McNugget sauce (watch episode for obvious reference.)

If you haven’t watched this show, or given it a chance, do yourself the favor and watch it!

“Rick and Morty” is not only one of the best cartoons out right now, but one of the best shows you’ll watch in all of television-- it’s seriously that good!

If the season three premiere is any indicator of the direction the show is taking, then this is going to be the best season yet.

The wait between seasons was long-- a year and half to be exact-- but this episode made the delay a little bit more tolerable.

An easy five stars. 10 out of 10. Two thumbs (way) up.

The rest of the episodes of season three of “Rick and Morty” are scheduled to continue in the summer of 2017 on Adult Swim.

If you need a “Rick and Morty” fix now, you can stream various episodes from the series’ first two seasons on the Adult Swim website.



Chasing opportunities in the US

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Nikita Katsnelson is an international student-athlete at Cerritos College. Katsnelson is a sophomore tennis player for the Falcons and finished the season 8-4 in singles matches. In doubles, Katsnelson played this season exclusively with fellow Ukrainian and international student-athlete Sasha Krasnov, the duo ended 12-2 on the season.

Where in the Ukraine are you from?

A: Odessa, in southern Ukraine.

When did you come to the United States?

A: I came two years ago. My first semester was Fall 2015.

Did you come on your own or did you come with family members?

A: I came with family members, but we knew already that we were going to leave (Ukraine). We lived in a house with nine to ten guys. All the guys were international, but now I live with my parents.

What made you decide to come to the United States?

A: My major, at first I really didn't know what I wanted. But then I decided to major in business because I think it's one of the best majors to study here in the states.

At what age did you start playing tennis?

A: When I was seven.

Did you play tennis in the Ukraine?

A: Yeah. I used to play in European and National tournaments in other countries around Europe. I have some experience in this sport.

How are you liking the states so far?



A: Well, it's better than my home country, because being from Ukraine it's not as developed as the U.S.

Over here we have more fun, more opportunities to spend time in every way.

Here it's more interesting to live. In Ukraine there's not a lot of choices on what to do. I can practice and hang out and that was something I didn't get to do.

Did you go to school/ college in the Ukraine?

A: I came here right after I graduated from high school, right away. I graduated in May and got here in August.

Are you planning to transfer?

A: Yeah, I'm going to transfer after this semester. I'm going to be done with my AA degree. So, I have some suggestions. I don't have the full answer to this question. I'm going to figure that out in a couple of weeks to see where I'm going to transfer.

Are you planning to do anything with tennis or is this just while you're in school?

A: I mean... I'll see after I play some tournaments, but probably I think I will just work something out with my major which will help to get to work here.

Because to be a pro is not very easy. Especially in Denmark for example, in Denmark if you want to have good profit you have to be in top value and it's pretty tough. There are a lot of players who move up in level but are top 200. There good players and they can have good biographies, but they will have a new mind from this experience.

Do you ever think of going back to the Ukraine to visit or maybe to even live there?

A: I go there each winter break, for example I was there this past winter break. Probably, I'm thinking about staying here and try to work after graduation because in Ukraine there's really no perspective to work.

Are there any benefits that you get from the college as being an International student? That you know of?

A: Well, I get benefits for being an athlete because I got a scholarship, but for international really don't have any benefits.

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Softball

Apr. 6 at El Camino 3 p.m.
Apr. 11 vs LA Harbor 3 p.m.
Apr. 13 at Long Beach City 3 p.m.
Apr. 18 at Cypress 3 p.m.
Apr. 20 vs EC-Compton 3 p.m.
Apr. 22 at Santiago Canyon 11 a.m.

Baseball

Apr. 6 at EC-Compton 2:30 p.m.
Apr. 8 vs EC-Compton noon
Apr. 11 vs Fresno City @ Santa Maria 3 p.m.
Apr. 12 at Cuesta 2:30 p.m.
Apr. 13 at Allan Hancock noon
Apr. 18 at LA Harbor 2:30 p.m.

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Men's Tennis

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Women's Tennis

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Track and Field

Apr. 5 SoCal Decathlon/ Heptathlon Champion- ships 9 a.m.
Apr. 7 Cerritos Invitational 9 a.m.
Apr. 8 UCLA Meet of Legends 9 a.m.
Apr. 14 Mt. SAC Relays 9 a.m.
Apr. 14 Long Beach Invita- tional 9 a.m.

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Tennis season recap



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Falcons drop nine straight to rivals

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The Falcons were swept by rival Long Beach City College in a three-game series, pushing the teams losing streak to nine.

Cerritos has now dropped to 3-11 in conference play and are now fourth in the conference only above EC-Compton.

The Falcons scored a total of eight runs throughout the series and left 33 men on base. Shortstop Ramon Bramasco said, "the problem all season is we leave a lot of guys on base and don't cash in, that's the story of the season."

In game one, Cerritos fell behind two runs, but answered back in the seventh with two of their own to tie the game.

The Vikings then took a one-run lead before the Falcons answered back to tie the game at three heading into the bottom of the ninth.

Long Beach then scored an un-earned run in the bottom of the ninth to close out the game.

The Falcons ended the game with one more hit than the Vikings (10), and both teams left 13 men on base throughout the game, but Cerritos was still unable to defeat Long Beach.

In game two the Falcons took a two-run lead by the fourth inning and held the Vikings scoreless until the seventh.

In the top of the seventh the Vikings took advantage of the Falcons scoring four runs and taking the lead.

Long Beach would go on to score three more and win the game 7-4.

Head coach Ken Gaylord said, "We're trying to be too perfect."

The Falcons left nine men on base off 11 hits, but the bullpen wasn't able to hold the Vikings with

every pitcher allowing at least one run or walk.

In the final game of the series the Falcons took a two-run lead scoring a run in the top of the first and second.

Long Beach would score three runs in the bottom of the second to take the lead, and would add another run in the fourth to take a 4-2 lead.

Cerritos attempted to battle back and scored a single run in the top of the seventh, but they were unable to tie the game and would lose and give the Vikings a series sweep.

The Falcons have now played six conference series, and despite the team's batting average, on-base percentage and slugging percentage going up in conference play the team has only come away with three wins.

During the same stretch, the team's ERA has risen and the team's strikeouts per nine innings has gone down, meaning on an average they have struck out less batters .

Gaylord said, "To win you have to throw strikes, you have to play catch and you have to put the ball into play, we usually do one but not the other two."

The Falcons are now four games behind third place LA Harbor, six behind second place Long Beach and 11 behind first place El Camino.

Bramasco said, "We've got to start playing like every game is our last. It's just that one pitch, that one hit and the wheels will get rolling."

Gaylord concluded, "We're all freshman, they're good kids and good students and we're in [the game] but we have to get that big hit."

The Falcons began their three-game conference series versus EC-Compton Tuesday and defeated the Tartars's 4-0 in game one Tuesday.

The win snapped the nine-game losing streak.



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