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Slipping through the cracks: Andres Vergara, Commissioner of Budget & Finance presents the 2016-17 ASCC Budget for the Senate. Although senate met at the end of spring semester to approve the budget for the following semester, they failed to do so by the end of their last meeting.

ASCC begins fall without an adopted budget

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A room full of senators exit the doors of BK-111/112 at the end of May and left behind an unapproved ASCC budget.

The 2016-17 budget is awaiting approval until a new senate is elected in mid September.

This comes after the 2015-16 ASCC Senate failed to adopt the budget during its last meeting for spring semester.

Student senators took time out of the hour long meeting to give their last senator reports while others took the time to address grievances they had against ASCC President at the time, Eduardo De La Rosa.

"It's cool, not everybody gets to see everything that I do or everything that I say. It is a shame that we can parade a couple of our friends around and they can waste all of the time in the senate, when they were supposed to put in the time for the budget," he said.

Spring 2016 ASCC Vice President Jessica Germata expressed that for her, it was important that senators gave their final reports for the school year.

"This is their last chance to speak to the students, speak for [the time spent] as a senator and I didn't want to cut that short," she said.

She acknowledged that to get into the budget would have been the right thing to do but also wanted senators

to give each other feedback.

Commencement preparations were set to take place in the same room senate uses an hour after it convened, per Brown Act Germata could not change the room number, allowing senators an hour to vote.

Ultimately, the senate had less than an hour to use BK-111/112, using up some of its time waiting to meet quorum.

Germata noted that only senators have the power to call special meetings but they didn't know that they should do so citing confusion about the time they had to use the room.

According to Cerritos College President Jose Fierro, the 2015-16 budgeted amounts will be used for the time being, but the 2016-17 funds will be spent. This is referred to as a roll over.

Fierro stated that this process would impact the amount of money available for the incoming senate to budget, therefore fund users should be aware that requisition approval decisions should include:

- Original intent of the funding approval (done in Spring 2015 for the 2015-16 budget year)
- Time in the budget year (i.e., first quarter [July 1-Sept. 30])
- Pending status of the student senate's new budget

"It is important to note, if the club [or] department had an account in the 2015-16 budget, it can spend from

it, subject to being currently official, for example, if the club is officially recognized for the fall 2016 semester or [is] currently in place, such as a college program or function," he said.

ASCC President Saul Lopez explained, "We are going to be operating 2016-17 with the same budget as 2015-16."

Lopez noted that this process will not majorly impact clubs.

"As far as affecting the clubs, we [have come] up with measures [for] any club [that] needs funding as soon as possible."

Lopez noted that at the time of publication no major requests for funding have come through.

"The next step is waiting until senate is elected, that is not going to happen until September," he said.

The student body president said that after the inauguration of the new senators, electing officers and commissioners the budget will be one of the first items on the agenda.

According to the student activities calendar, student senate elections will take place Sept. 14 -15.

"We still have money [...] to operate as a senate and do things in their own initiatives."

"Although this is important, [...] I think the senators should [...] focus on the new ideas they could bring, and the new perspectives they could bring to ASCC. They should run on their ideas not on the budget," he said.

Lopez expressed that although senate has the option to go through the budget line by line the same way the old senate did, he doesn't think it will.

He said, "The senate has the discretion to do so. I cannot force or tell the senate to do anything. They operate under their own discretion. [...]"

"They should just take into account the amount of hours put into a line [...] also account that at the end of the year they will also have their own budget that they will have discretion in."

He continued, "I can only tell them the facts and operate under the facts and recommend certain actions. Senate is their own body, they make their own motions, and are chaired by the vice president."

"It is up to the discretion of the senate how they want to approach this 2016-17 budget although I will come with strong recommendations and facts."

"The recommendation is that this is pertinent and this is important to continue a successful year in the Associated Students of Cerritos College."

Ultimately Lopez hopes the decision made by the student senate will be beneficial for students, "I would hope that they take my recommendations and look at the facts and do what is best for the students."



TERREL EMERSON/TM

Beefing up security: Due to the fact that the Child Development Center experienced problems with doors to their facilities being left ajar, security measures were put into place. Warning signs are posted throughout every door of the facility to ensure they remain closed at all times.

Securing the playground

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According to Director of the Child Development Center, Debra Ward, since the out pour of support for the five fired teachers in the Child Development Center at the Cerritos College Board of Trustee meeting, a lot has been done.

In a statement signed by all five fired instructors on July 5, the teachers were given the difficult decision to either resign from their positions or be terminated.

For the teachers, the argument is that they believe they were retaliated against for something that had been brought to the attention of the school on numerous occasions.

The Child Development Center were dealing with doors that did not fully close.

It has been well-documented that children have wandered out of the center and were seen roaming the campus without supervision.

"In collaboration with the Facilities Department, we have taken extra steps to ensure the safety of our

children.

"We have also asked for parent support to ensure the doors are closed when they enter and exit the building," Ward said.

The additional changes include, recalibrated doors, door bell alarm system, extra signage, and adding extra locks and panels to the gates.

Interim Vice President of Human Resources, Harry Joel denied comment saying, "This is a confidential personnel matter."

According to a statement given by Ward, "The incident that occurred

which affected employees at the Child Development Center was self-reported within 24 hours and an investigation from Department of Social Services was conducted on July 27.

Questions about the teachers have been met with responses regarding the hiring of new staff.

"To fulfill our current needs, we are in the process of recruiting staff."

Before the center's new school year starts, it will close for staff training to address health and safety issues.



Keeping the seat warm: Interim dean of student services, Frances Gusman, came out of retirement to temporarily fill the position until a replacement is found. She plans on going back into retirement once the school has found someone to permanently fill the position.

Interim dean guides ASCC

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The double doors of the Student Activities office closed for the last time behind the man who managed student life and student government among other services for the past two years.

This past summer saw the departure of Dean of Student Services Gilbert Contreras from Cerritos College giving way to Interim Dean Frances Gusman.

Gusman was chosen to fill in Contreras' position for the time being, having served as Vice President of Student Services for College of the Sequoias in Visalia, located in Tulare County.

Her job at College of the Sequoias before retiring was to oversee all of student services. Student activities was a small fraction of her job.

Contreras is currently serving as Vice Presi-

dent for Student Services at Fullerton College.

College President Jose Fierro said, "We congratulate him on this important new role."

Gusman noted that now her responsibilities include keeping the flow of every day operations.

"I am interim dean since Contreras has departed from the campus, and I think first and foremost [my role is] to serve students and I think my responsibility is to kind of keep the flow going and to keep things moving to the extent possible.

She continued, "It is just continuing the day to day operations of the unit so that it doesn't interrupt service to students in any way and to represent student activities at various meetings throughout the campus to ensure that the voice is heard."

Gusman has already met with student government leaders and embraced her role.

"I've had meetings with [ASCC President

Saul Lopez] and with [Student Trustee Karen Patron], I've enjoyed meeting both of them, I think that they are fine young people that are representing the college really well," she added.

Patron said, "I've spoken with Dr. Gusman twice and I can tell you that she is a very kind lady. She is willing to hear you out, provide you with the best advice and most importantly she puts the students first."

The interim dean expressed that in her role, advisor to student government will be one of her prime responsibilities.

Gusman said, "My role is advisory and I think that we have to keep in mind that it is a learning process for students, it is students first."

She left retirement to take on this role while a permanent replacement is found.

"I've spent my entire career in student services, [...]and retired as a vice president,

"This is just like a little interim gig if you will and I'll go back to being retired," she concluded.

Blue lights ensure safety

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This semester has seen changes for students, Subway has taken the place of Taco Bell, and a series of new blue emergency telephones have been installed across campus.

The new emergency system was brought to attention through campus safety forums in which students, staff and campus police officials thoroughly discussed what measures could be taken in order to better secure students.

Last semester the College saw an increase in criminal activity within and nearby it's campus, leaving many of it's students' concerned about security.

There were two fatal shooting(s) last semester on consecutive days in close proximity to the campus.

Campus Safety held a series of forums last semester in order to discuss how the College can help students feel more secure.

The result of the forums was the Blue Emergency Telephones.

According to Cerritos College Chief of Police, Thomas Gallivan, "The blue emergency telephones are similar to the 911 system. The phones are connect-

ed to Campus Police. When the emergency button is on the blue phone is activated [by a] simple

push of a button. [Then] the caller is immediately connected to a campus police dispatcher.

"The location of the blue phone displays on the monitor in dispatch, allowing for the dispatcher to send assistance."

In addition to providing the location of the emergency, the alert system will also be equipped with cameras at eye level so that the dispatcher is able to check the surroundings and assess the situation.

Carlos Hernandez, undecided major said, "This is my first semester here and I heard about the shootings. It's good to know that they decided to add more security."

Chief Gallivan added that the five blue emergency telephones are only the initial part of the project and that there are plans to have additional emergency phones installed across the parking lots.

Child development major, Ana Medrano said, "I was very scared and paranoid after the shootings we had in February. I'm always [...] extra alert. At least now I know that if I can get to one of these stops I can seek help."

The blue emergency telephones can be found near the food court, the gym, the administration building, science building and next to College Marque.

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EDITORIAL



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There is empowerment in helping and asking for help

"Help me please"

If you heard that, most would immediately take action. However, those are not statements you hear every day. The majority of the people who desperately need help stay quiet for many reasons.

One, for fear from their aggressor and two, they convince themselves that things will change on their own.

They also don't realize how much danger they are in.

People who suffer from depression, stalking, rape, domestic violence, emotional violence, post traumatic stress disorder, anxiety or stress do not wear a sign or scream for help.

For those who suffer quietly, or know someone who is suffering or in danger, there are services available to help. There are people who are trained to help. Seek them and use the services and resources.

Find empowerment in asking for help. Help someone find the health services available and relieve them of their suffering.

Depression, according to the National Institute of Mental Health statistics for 2014 states that 6.7 percent (equates to 15.7 million) of all adults 18 years or older in the United States suffered from one or more episodes of major depression in the past year.

Depression can lead to suicide according to America's Health Rankings United Health Foundation California ranked in seventh place nationwide in

deaths by suicide.

Domestic violence incidents can go on for years without being reported, and they can easily escalate into life threatening situations.

The stress we all feel as midterms or finals are approaching, the stress of having a job, the stress to study and maintain a social life can escalate to the ultimate consequence if it goes unnoticed and untreated.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website, "On average, 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States. Over the course of a year, that equals more than 10 million women and men.

"Those numbers only tell part of the story—nearly 2 million women are raped in a year and over 7 million women and men are victims of stalking in a year"

However, to say "Help me please" or "somebody save me" is difficult. To recognize there is a problem in your life and seek help takes a combination of an enormous amount of self-reflection and strength to acknowledge.

When there is no immediate cry for help and no immediate danger we overlook things and struggle with internalizing questions like, "What if they don't want my help? What if I'm wrong and they don't need my help? What if I call the police and ruin their life?

You don't have to answer those ques-

tions alone. There are resources and trained professionals available to help in different situations. Help is located on campus in the Student Health Services building.

Use the resources available and find empowerment and encouragement from people who are there to help. Cerritos College has Project Safe available for anyone who is dealing with dating and domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

The Campus Service number is (562) 860-2451. There are different extensions for different resources. The extension numbers are the following:

2473: Alteration of Academic Situation and Disciplinary Complaints and Investigations

2321: Confidential and anonymous counseling and Medical Services (Injury treatment, Emergency Contraceptives, STD Testing & Treatment, ect.)

3076: Criminal Reporting & Investigations, Safety Escorts, Transport to Emergency Room & Protective Orders

2276: Title IX Coordinator the Director of Diversity, Benefits & Compliance, Human Resources.

There are also online resources available for different situations.

For further information and resources on how to receive help, go to talonmarks.com.

Making a call, visiting a website or going to the Student Health Center can make a difference in saving a life.

THE ENVELOPE

Cerritos bumfiddles students

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Books are exorbitant, usually costing upwards of \$300 for full-time students; many times the textbooks are not used.

Often instructors merely use the book to give busy work or as an educational crutch so that they don't have to teach. These professors should be replaced with ones who respect the students' intellect and time.

Usually a school uses one publisher over another as part of a contract, which is a strong factor in the moral decline of society. What is good for people is only offered on a capitalistic basis.

In this way, the bourgeoisie are forcing ignorance and delaying an increase in prosperity for all. If more had access to the knowledge that literature holds, perhaps they would know to revolt against the corporate overlords; making for themselves a society based on efficiency of man-power, conservation and conduct set by such philosophers as Thomas More

and Karl Marx.

Paying for parking violations on campus is bogus, parking passes should be free. The parking pass is just another way to shake down people for every nickel and dime. What's next? Charging students 10 cents to take a test? What an asinine absurdity!

It's enough to make one heave if one were not already heaving from the wide lack of variety of food on campus.

Burdog's name is embarrassing to say out loud; the Culinary Arts department food is wildly overpriced; The Bowl's teriyaki chicken is only served extra crunchy; and Subway, which was only put on campus because (despite the obscene amount of empty carbs) is slightly easier to choke down than the recently ejected Taco Bell!

The "food" can sedate and stupefy all who consume it, and the capitalist propaganda in the purposeless textbooks has heretofore done so.

The students of Cerritos College are being financially sabotaged with petty fines and fees and are expected to eat inflated trash or starve.

French infringement on burqinis

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France and its politicians have been under fire lately for its forceful ban on the burqini.

A Burqini is a full body swimsuit that is mostly worn by Islamic women in both public pools and beaches in order to have fun while still following their religious beliefs.

Since last month's Bastille Day truck attack among other terrorist attacks in France, some of its cities have thought it would be presently appropriate to ban the swim wear.

These bans are as disgusting as the laws that systemically obligate women to wear certain clothing against their will as is the case in most Islamic countries.

Forcing women to wear or not to wear certain clothing isn't a western value. Both eliminate the idea of choice.

This is only going to continue to create stigma and hostility between

the French people. We already see Islamic self-segregation in Europe, which is quite frequently promoted by the political left.

If this situation doesn't check itself, we might see forced-segregation prompted by the political right as we already see the beginnings of in Germany.

London's Muslim Mayor Sadiq Kahn, spoke out against the ban.

He said "I'm quite firm on this. I don't think anyone should tell women what they can and can't wear. It's as simple as that."

While one may disagree with London's mayor on other political views, this is a western principle that we must uphold.

And rightly so, we have some french judicials who agree with this.

France highest bureaucratic court, Le Conseil d'Etat (The State Council) overturned and suspended the burkini ban in Villeneuve-Loubet.

The judgment itself states that



FREE SPEECH ZONE

Clinton or Trump for President?

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ANDREW EMILE
communications major

"I'm voting for Hillary Clinton because I don't want Donald Trump in the White House. I don't want Hillary Clinton [either]. It's the lesser of two evils."

DANA VALLADARES
child development major

"Most likely Hillary. I don't like most of what Trump has stated; [like] the immigration stuff, how he talks about other races, the way he views people and doesn't have respect."



CARLOS DIAZ
international business major

"I'm not so sure [about who I'm voting for]. I need to checkout who's running. I'll vote for the one who is most precise in their policies."



ARDISHIR YOUSEFI
communications major

"If I were a citizen I would vote for Hillary. She is more sensible. Trump says crazy stuff like building a wall and banning all Muslims."



IMANI WAFER
dance major

"I'd write in Bernie Sanders [...] he's motivated and has better reasoning for his policies [...] he actually cares about the people he's representing rather than the rich."



"I don't think anyone should tell women what they can and can't wear."
— SADIQ KHAN
Mayor of London



In with the new: Chhaya Vaidya (left) wife of Subway store owner receiving payment from Subway's first customer Pam Chambers (right) educational partnership program and welcome programs assistant II on Aug. 26. Vaidya and her husband will work in the Subway along with seven other employees. The first sandwich sold was the sub of the day, a tuna sandwich.

AIME gives students more help

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Math Tutor Diana Silveyra is part of the Accelerated Instruction in Math and English program.

Accelerated instruction are not words that would be a selling point for students trying to pass their math and English requirement and graduate. However, it is one of the main features for the AIME program.

Frank Mixson head of the AIME program explained "We're able to move students from math 60 through their college level math in two semesters."

He said in the first semester students have nine weeks of math 60 and if they fulfill the programs requirements they move on to nine weeks of math 80. By spring semester, they enroll in their choice of math 112 or 114.

Yvette Juarez Student Success Center Administrative clerk III said at the center "we monitor how many hours the students spend in tutoring each week."

Kolleen Kalt AIME enhancement center coordinator explained the English component of the program is taking English 72 in the fall and have a guaranteed spot to take English 100 in the spring.

Mixson said, "I like to see that students [understand] 'if I get in there and do my homework I can be successful in math it's disciplining myself' that's what our program is trying to do teach them [the students] the behaviors of good students that's what the three hours requirement is about."

Welcome Subway, we have been expecting you

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Choosing Subway over the other food options in the Student Center was an easy choice for first customer Pam Chambers, educational partnership program and welcome programs assistant II.

"I love Subway," said Chambers as she bought a tuna sandwich.

After months of expectation the on campus Subway opened for business Aug. 26.

It is located inside the Student Center taking the place of Taco Bell.

Undecided major, Dezmom Murphy was the first student to buy Subway, his choice was a pastrami and ham sandwich. He had been waiting for the store to open.

He mentioned he had

just finished exercising when he walked by and saw Subway open and "had to come."

Subway store owner Paresh Vaidya was "reached out to by the local Subway office. They said, 'What do you think about opening in Cerritos College' and we [himself and the local office] felt it was a great opportunity."

The processes of sign-

ing the contract, getting approval, and finishing construction took about six to seven months.

Ashley Holtkamp, business consultant with the local Subway business office, was at the opening to ensure that everything went well.

She said, "We've all been very eager to get the location to open, it's great to finally see opening day is here

and [we are] making great sandwiches for everyone."

Holtkamp also stated the reason for opening on Aug. 26 was because it would be a "soft opening it gives the team time to adjust this is a lot of [team members] first day here, it's an adjustment curve so it gives them an opportunity to see how things are going to flow before we have a lot of students on campus."

The Subway team consists of owner Vaidya, his wife Chhaya Vaidya, Manager Marissa Garcia and seven employees who will work at the store.

Undecided major Jonathan Guzman decided to get something to eat. He said "subway is the best way to go I believe we [himself and Murphy] just got done working out so I think this is healthier for us."



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Books for Sale: Students stand outside the Cerritos campus bookstore. Cerritos Campus Bookstore located in between the Burnight Center Theater and Campus gym.

Overpriced textbooks in the campus bookstore

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It is that time of year again, we all know the signs, the days wane and the air gets nippy. Yes, fall, the time of year that majority of us all dread for one specific reason, the start of a new school year.

These feelings of reluctance are not necessarily due to the fact that summer is over but because students across the Cerritos College campus must purchase the required textbooks for their classes.

The campus bookstore, located between the Burnight Center Theater and the campus gym, is a convenient destination for students to purchase books immediately without traveling to another location or ordering a book online and

hoping it arrives on time before the first test or quiz.

However, is the convenience worth the price? Students across campus are looking toward other alternatives to purchase or rent their textbooks from.

Business administration major Jillianne Tapel said, "Books are easy to find but they are really expensive."

Overpriced textbooks in the campus bookstore has become the general consensus amongst Cerritos College students.

Because of this, students have switched to reputable online outlets such as Amazon or Ebay in the quest for inexpensive textbooks.

Comparisons were made between the campus bookstore's listed textbook prices to the prices listed on Amazon for the exact same textbook.

Amazon resulted in be-

ing the generally cheapest solution for purchasing textbooks.

Price differences on Amazon range from 10 percent to 70 percent for certain general education textbooks, the most notable comparison being an English 52 textbook that is listed in the campus bookstore for \$101.00 while the same textbook is listed on Amazon at a price of \$37.15.

Medical major Rachel Fisher stated, "I paid a little over \$230 for my Intro[duction] to anatomy and physiology textbook."

When the price of her textbook was compared to the listed price of the same textbook on Amazon, it was proved that the same textbook on Amazon was roughly 50 percent cheaper than the campus bookstore.

Overpriced textbooks are not the only discour-

aging aspect that seems to undermine the charm of the campus bookstore's convenience.

Comparing renting text books from the campus bookstore to ordering from an online rental service such as www.chegg.com also showed the online book rental site had more advantages.

The online rental service gives students access to a digital copy of their book while awaiting for the arrival of the physical copy, a 21-day full refund return policy, and finally, the potential to save up to 10 percent more on the Chegg website in comparison to renting from the campus bookstore.

Why are textbooks so expensive in the campus bookstore if they can obviously be acquired at a cheaper price somewhere else?

This is the question that Cerritos college students ask each semester, however, if a student were to actually ask the bookstore manager or an employee that exact question he or she will have to wait a couple of days, while the employee consults Human Resources, before receiving an answer from the company that operates and supplies the campus bookstore, Follett Higher Education Group.

Despite the high prices, campus bookstore manager, Brienne Freeman states that textbook sales have increased this semester due to "more students taking advantage of the Price Match Program in which we match the price of the identical textbook found on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or Chegg..."

Need money, apply

Foundation has scholarship money to give to students, applications available online

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A total of \$70,000 in free scholarship money is available for students.

Students, like nursing major Minh Villaencis said this was the first scholarship workshop she had attended.

The Cerritos College Foundation Scholarship workshop application took place on Aug. 24.

She said Foundation Program Assistant Rachel Samarin, provided detailed information, she went over what were the proper requirements to submit a scholarship.

She answered student's questions clearly enough to be understood.

Villaencis said, "Samarin gave the students her personal suggestions and instructions on how to apply for a scholarship."

The deadline to sign-up is Sept. 23.

The workshop was led by Samarin who has worked for the foundation for nine years.

She assisted with any help needed to fill out the scholarship application.

Kinesiology major Jonathan Chavez thought this financial scholarship workshop was a good source of information.

He said for students who are pursuing a higher education, but are in need of a scholarship financial resource, "I encourage students to attend one of these workshops to obtain good detailed information."

Samarin said, "I think it is very important for students to be aware of resources like scholarships and the foundation awards."

"This semester we will be awarding over \$70,000 to Cerritos College students and a lot of

them don't realize the resource is available."

She said, "We have workshops like this to [bring] awareness so students can apply, and hopefully be honored a scholarship, which of course that helps them in pursuing their education."

To be awarded a scholarship, she stated that the GPA is important, but is not the sole factor, the personal statement she notes is more important.

"Some students may have had a bad semester and lowered their GPA because they were going through something personal."

"It is important for students to address it on the statement so it will be taken as consideration when their application is reviewed," Samarin said.

The foundation has improved in the last few years.

Samarin said, "I think we had about 60 [scholarships] that we were awarding. Now we have more than doubled, we have 130 to 135 different scholarships that are offered every year."

She said "The program itself has grown tremendously, the amount of money we [the foundation] are awarding has grown. It has definitely been an improvement over how it was 15 years ago."

Samarin made it a point to email faculty at the beginning of every semester, asking them to share the information with their students.

She said "I can only reach so many students, but faculty who have them in their classes are able to say, 'hey you can check out the foundation, they have some scholarships maybe you are eligible for something.'"

The Foundation is always trying to improve and grow and get more students to apply.

She feels very encouraged to continue to see students who pursue their goals.



BRIANA VELARDE/TM
In the studio: Jessie Mendoza hosts his show called “Spinning out of Control”. He will be going on his third year of having air time on WPMD, every Thursday from 3-4p.m.

WPMD is the ‘stomping ground’ for student DJ

Studio where you can learn from mistakes


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Triple major Jessie Mendoza knew he wanted to become a DJ since 1999, when he visited his first record shop. He walked into WP records where he saw Eric Dlux, a huge SKAM artist and local Power 106 DJ mixing live. SKAM is a top DJ talent agency. “I was like a kid in a candy store and just hearing the different transitions, scratching the whole DJ culture and seeing people coming in and out of the store made me fall in love right there,” Mendoza said. Mendoza uses the name DJ Tism and plays a variety of different genres such as hip-hop, top 40, electronic dance music (EDM) and latino music. At the beginning of every semester the campus

holds a Club Info Day where club presidents and club members set up tables and provide students with information about the club and try to recruit new members. Three years ago Mendoza got recruited to join the colleges’ Broadcasting Club, Where People Make a Difference (WPMD). “I was walking and the president at the time DJ Demo, who is now currently on K-Day, pretty much opened up the doors for me.” Within that first year of joining WPMD, Mendoza and Demo started their show “Spinning out of Control.” Local artists and DJs are guests of the show. There is usually a live 15-20 minute mix which is geared to create a theme for the day. Since the show has a time slot from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays, the theme is “Throwback” Thursdays. Casey Piotrowski, co-advisor of WPMD, said, “Spinning out of Control is a great show, [Mendoza] has a co-host and the two bring up what happens in

everyday lives and it’s hilarious.” Having the radio show has given him opportunities off and on campus. His off campus opportunity came when he was able to DJ for rapper Too Short. “It was awesome because everybody was there to see this iconic artist so when you’re that guy on that DJ booth before the main show, you got to do a lot of work to get them pumped, ready and excited to see this artist”, said Mendoza. He also has had the opportunity to DJ on campus outside of the studio at WPMD. He was the DJ for the Cerritos College 60th anniversary in September 2015. There are times when managing school and DJing gets difficult but Mendoza said his passion is still there. Mendoza joined the Commercial Music program, taught by Professor Andrew Maz. The program provides students with knowledge in production, publish-


ing and promotion. He mentioned how Maz explained, how it is in the real world so either you get it or you don’t it’s up to you and you’ll be successful if you want to be successful. Mendoza received his AA in Commercial Music. Although he has his AA, he can be heard on WPMD Thursday’s from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. “[Mendoza] is president of the Broadcasting Club. His enthusiasm and his goal orientation to get us to number one motivates me,” expressed Piotrowski. From being in the Commercial Music program to being in the WPMD studio waiting for that on-air sign to turn on, Mendoza can now flourish within his passion for music and technology. “The biggest thing that a DJ can have is his crowd and if you don’t have a crowd then you don’t belong on any platform,” he added.




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WHAT MUSIC OR TELEVISION SHOWS ARE YOU CURRENTLY INTERESTED IN?

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Tony Cuadra
accounting major

“I currently listen to sound-cloud music, any artist that is on there because you dont have to pay for it.”




Sierra Oura
fashion merchandising major

“My favorite album right now is ‘Life of Pablo’. It is different then his other music and I like the beats.”



Kyle Norman
arts major

“I’ve been listening to Lil Uzi because I like to party and dance.”



Vanessa Savala
dental hygiene major

“I like to watch the TV show ‘Keeping up with the Kardashians’ they are just funny so I like to see their everyday life.”



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One for the books: Angel Rojas made a pass to Israel Rodriguez and Rodriguez tapped the ball in for the goal. Rojas was one assist shy from 100 assists in the season.

Building toward a new beginning

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Although the men’s water polo team ended its season last year with a playoff win, coach Joe Abing is completely focused on the potential of this season.

The team struggled with injuries late in the year but still finished strong, placing second in the South Coast Conference, and fourth in the SoCal Championship, while multiple players received season awards and honors.

Abing said, “We had an incredible year.”

Although he recognizes the success of last season, he is ready to get started with this year stating, “I don’t live in the past, I live in the moment.”

Freshman goalie Matthew Contreras also feels the same adding, “I try to stay in the here and the now.”

This year’s team is made up of mostly new faces and new challenges, but Abing is not worried.

“So far I’m very pleased with the effort that everyone is making,” he said.

Contreras is one of those new faces and has felt the pressure of

moving up to the next level, saying, “It is more intense than high school definitely, but that’s what I like about it. It makes me rise to the challenge.”

As far as team chemistry, most of the players know each other from summer practices and few played together in high school and on club teams.

Teamwork, according to Contreras has been the main point coach has been getting across so far.

Second year driver Jeffrey Park was a starter on last year’s team and sees this year as an opportunity for not only himself but the other veterans to lead by example.

Adding, “Being the older guys we have to show the younger [men] what it means to be on this team.”

With so many players on this year’s team being new, coach Abing doesn’t see this team building on last years success, saying, “It’s not building from last year, every year you’re starting over.”

The team lost several key players last year including All-American Athlete Marlon Moreno.

“All the guys here are working hard. We’re trying to find out what our roles are [going to] be for the team.”

One of those roles is the goalie position, which Contreras and Jason Curiel are looking to acquire.

Contreras said, “We’re not fighting for the spot, but we are competing for it.”

Both Park and Contreras agree that the chemistry of the team is good and is only going to get better as they continue to practice and mesh with one another, they also agree that the team trip to Maryland will just enhance it.

The Falcon’s season begins with a road trip across the country to Maryland, where the team will play Navy University.

Abing was excited at the prospect of playing teams at the next level saying, “It’s a really special opportunity for them.”

Contreras agrees with his coach and believes that playing against next level competition will give him a sense of where he is at as a goalie.

The chance to play Navy University is an exciting experience to the players because according to Park they have developed somewhat of a rivalry with them.

Cerritos has never defeated Navy to which Park added, “We want to beat them this year for sure with this squad.”

Abing knows traveling across the country can be a factor for some teams, but he doesn’t think it will affect the men.

“I think we can play anywhere and were [going] do some good things and we’re going to do some things that we need to improve on, but it’ll just be fun to be playing some teams that play water polo on the other side of the country,” said Abing.

He also believes it is a great situation away from the pool, saying, “Its an opportunity for us to come together and have some bonding time as a team.”

First and second year players alike agree that winning the state championship is the number one priority as well as developing as a team.

As far as coach’s expectations, he has accomplishments he want to see this team meet that include: reaching their full potential, working hard at every practice, getting along as teammates and making the most of each practice to improve as players and as student athletes.

“At the end of the season, we’ll look back and if we all worked super hard on those things then I’ll be a happy coach,” he concluded.

THE CHATTERBOX CORNER



Legends live forever #H15TORY16

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Combined, the athletes make up for:

- 18 League Championships
- 22 Most Valuable Player Awards
- 83 All-Star/Pro Bowl Appearances
- 182 Gold Medals
- 5 Rookie of the Year Awards
- 12 Silver Slugger Awards
- 7 Cup Series Championships
- 2 Comeback Player of the Year Awards

The 2015-16 season for all sports will never be the same with so many legends walking away from the game. In 2015-2016 a lot of things have come or are coming to an end; some good and some bad. Positive things such as the 52-year championship drought for the city of Cleveland. However, there is always another side of the spectrum and this sports season is no different. During these 365 days, the sports world have, or will, bid farewell to 13 players who have been instrumental to so many people in the years they played their respective games. Some of the players that are retiring this season or have retired are:

- Kobe Bryant
- Tim Duncan
- Charles Woodson
- Marshawn Lynch
- Calvin Johnson
- Peyton Manning
- David Ortiz
- Mark Teixeira
- Prince Fielder
- Tony Stewart
- Jeff Gordon
- Usain Bolt
- Michael Phelps

From looks of this list, these athletes have all made an impact on the world in a multitude of sports, all ranging from auto racing to international sports.

While all of these players are leaving some big shoes to fill for those who trail them, the road will only get tougher. With Alex Rodriguez unofficially retiring from baseball, Kevin Garnett struggling to find a team in the NBA and Tiger Woods on a steep decline, one can only ask how much longer will the careers for those players go on for. Not to mention with, the fact that, LeBron James is entering his 14th NBA season, Tom Brady is entering his 16th NFL season and Albert Pujols is currently playing in his 16th MLB season, the younger guys across the board must be ready for the road that lies ahead. Without question, with young players like Kyrie Irving, Russell Wilson and Mike Trout the future looks bright. But one thing must be accepted, it is truly the dawn of a new era in the world of sports.

Team culture key for Cerritos College cross country men and women

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Even though the 2016-17 season has not even started, both the men and women cross country teams are exactly where they need to be in order to have a winning season.

Head coach Bryan Ramos said, “We are definitely excited. We had our time trial, two weeks ago, and from what we’ve seen [we are right where we need to be].”

Women’s Cross Country

With a successful 2015-16 season behind them, the Cerritos College Women’s Cross Country team hopes keep the momentum going throughout the upcoming season.

Director of Cross Country Christopher Richardson stated, “Last season was a power year for the women with some veteran leaders such as Marylu Pulido, Maria Orozco, Stephanie Perea. We took both the South Coast Conference individual title, which was won by [Pulido], and the team title over Mt. San Antonio College.”

The women started off with a seventh place finish at the Mark Covert Open earning 197 team points.

The rest of the season proved to be strong, placing in the top five in every regular season meet.

They took their first of two first place wins during the season at the Brubaker Invitational in Irvine. They finished with a team total of 47 points.

The team continued through the post-season earning a fourth place spot in Southern California Championships and fifth place in CCCAA Championships.

Sophomore Brianna Gill said, “We could have done a little better. We got fourth [in SoCal] this year we are trying to get second, or at least third.”

Despite losing key runners at the end of last season the team’s roster still has talented strong runners to carry the team.

“The women also have some immediate contributors such as Raquel Hernandez (Downey High), Rebecca Harris (Buena Park High), Gabrielle Mendoza (Shurr High) and Sabrina Padilla (Montebello High),” Richardson stated.

This year team is young but that is not a worry for the coaches or athletes.

“I see really great potential [...] with these freshman,” Gill said, “I feel they can help us regaining our reputation.”

Men’s Cross Country

Much like the women, the men’s cross country team also had a fairly successful 2015-16 season.

With a roster of mainly freshman the team had a slow start to the season having issues finishing in the top five in overall team positions at meets.

“The men were a young talented group [last season] which we considered a building year,” Richardson stated.

However, the team finally picked up the pace at the end of the season earning fifth place in the team overall standing at the Brubaker Invitational.

They kicked off their post-season run by finishing third overall at the SCC Championships.

Following a successful conference championship the team was able to pull off a 12th place finish at the SoCal Championship putting themselves in the position to compete for a state title.

The team itself finished 15th out of a total of 23 schools having earned a team score of 482.

“As a team, I think we did pretty good,” returning athlete Carlos Ramos said, “We kept pushing- I think we did good- hopefully we do better [this year.]”

Continuing growth will be key in order to have another successful season, as last years team saw some promise from some young freshman runners, who will be returning this year.

“We are returning most of [men] so that’s [going] be



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Preparation: Men’s cross country prepares for its first event this Saturday at Carbon Canyon Park. The team held practice last Friday at Excelsior Track.

our strong point,” said coach Ramos, “We have got a lot of [...] leaders in our team.”

Along with the veteran athletes, promising rookies hope to add to the strength of an already powerful team.

“For the men, [obtaining] Christian Macias from Gardena High, and a group of incoming guys from Shurr High (Abraxaz Sanchez in particular) adds some major fire power to our large group of returners,” Richardson stated.

Even though the men’s team lost two of their top seven runners, the number of sophomores on the team will be the foundation that the team needs to succeed.

“We have a lot more experience on the mens side because of all the returners,” coach Ramos said, “As far as what our out look is we [have really good confidence.]”

Season Opener

The season begins for both teams on Friday.

The teams will travel to Riverside City Cross Country Course to participate in the Lancer Invitational.