

Gender neutral bathrooms in discussion

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With the world constantly evolving California State Governor Jerry Brown recently signed a law mandating that every business with a single stall restroom must now hang signs explicitly stating the restroom is gender neutral. Undecided major Jessica Summers has been advocating for gender neutral bathrooms to be included on the campus. Summers explained that the gender neutral bathrooms are similar to the regular ones except there's more privacy.

"I actually ended up going to a Tea Girl Tuesday night at Hamburger Marys and that was my first experience with [a] gender neutral bathroom. It was very open, but at the same time it was very closed [...] there's no way for someone to feel uncomfortable."

She expressed after her first experience using the neutral bathroom, she met with the Title IX Coordinator Dr. Raphael Valyncia to discuss a plan to include the bathrooms on campus.

"Joseph Fierro and Victor Villalobos, two senators currently in seat, approached me and they had no knowledge of any of [the issues regarding transgender students using gender separated bathrooms] so I had to explain it to them," she expressed.

Fierro, who is currently working with Summers to help bring gender neutral bathrooms to the school, said "So the idea was first brought up by Summers. Our role is to help her in any way we can."

Summers, on the other hand, has admitted that she feels like Fierro and Villalobos tried to take credit for her work.

"It had [come] to my attention that the week before homecoming apparently [Villalobos] decided to approach the idea as something that he had come up with [and] I don't think Dr. Valyncia realizes that people are trying to take credit for the sake of credit.

"Not accomplishing something for the sake of good and quite frankly at the same time, somebody trying to do this outside of the [LGBTQI] community it's not going to hold the same value as having somebody of [the LGBTQI] community trying to accomplish this. That's what frustrated me [...] I don't want somebody going out there trying to do what I'm doing when they're not [going to] have the values

that I have coming into this, the understanding of what it actually means," she said.

Summers continued, "It isn't until you're put into that [unsafe] position that you actually know what something like this means."

Fierro admitted that the project was Summers idea.

Concerning Summers' comment Villalobos stated that the issue was never communicated to him, but from her statement within senate, he assumed it was meant for him and Fierro.

"We haven't spoken with [Summers] since we first spoke about the gender neutral restroom. In ASCC, how I've been trained, is when you speak about someone you speak about them not on a personal [level] but on their title. So for me it was etiquette within student government to not use her name and just say student.

"But after she voiced her concern, [...] our wording was misconstrued. Now we [realize we can] say her name, it's okay to give her credit. I'm not trying to steal credit from anyone, I'm just trying to be a guide or support [...] and help her," he said.

Business major Stephon Smalls said that gender neutral bathrooms are a tough situation but, he feels it's important because a student who is transgender may not feel comfortable going into separated men and women restrooms.

Undecided major Alysha Godoy expressed that she's okay with the campus having gender neutral bathrooms on campus only if it will help students who are transitioning feel comfortable.

Liberal Studies Sara Godbee agreed with Godoy and said she wouldn't mind if the school had gender neutral bathrooms, but she sees it possibly being a problem for some students on campus.

"There are people that won't see that [transgender people] identify as something else, as something that they feel. I already know if this is going to be a real thing there's going to be protest probably."

Summers has expressed that she is still working with Dr. Valyncia and does not have a set date for when the restrooms will be available.

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CCFF endorses board candidates

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Elections are around the corner and different groups on campus are looking to endorse the best candidates they feel can fulfill their responsibilities on the board of trustees.

The Cerritos College Faculty Federation represented by president Solomon Namala spoke about who it is backing and how it is helping the candidates with winning the election.

He named the candidates in order of the area:

- Area 1- Martha Camacho-Rodriguez
- Area 2- Luis Melliz
- Area 4- Ken Glenn
- Area 6- Sandra Salazar

Camacho-Rodriguez is running against incumbent Bob Arthur and Namala explained why CCFF chose her over Arthur.

"She is a special-ed teacher, [...], she has worked with the local union in Compton and helped with the students and the community, and helping the community be more involved in the school.

"We felt like as a teacher, she is somebody who understands the issues facing faculty," he said.

He discussed the year long contract negotiations that went on between CCFF and the board as an example.

"Personally we like Trustee Arthur, but we don't feel like he has done much to support the faculty," he said.

Namala explained that some faculty weren't in support of Arthur being a Donald Trump delegate.

He said, "Our mission is to be open to everybody and to serve everyone, and when you're supporting a candidate who does not share those values, it's problematic, but that's not the main reason, he can support anybody he wants."

Cerritos College Student Union vice president Ryan Kang said it was backing the same candidates as CCFF.

"We believe that students come first, and the board of trustees has a duty to ensure that students succeed," he said.

For the final week before elections, CCSU and CCFF are going to do what they have been doing and that is:

- Going door-to-door
- Calling people personally
- Encouraging more students to get involved

The California Schools Employees Association chose to endorse other candidates however, it chose not to comment.

CSEA is endorsing:

- Carmen Avalos
- Tom Chavez
- Marissa Perez



On Assignment: Students who competed in the news photo at the SoCal JACC conference were taken on assignment of campus. The news photo competition was just one of the many different contest that was held at the conference.

Cerritos hosts journalism conference

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The Cerritos College campus was home to the annual So-Cal Journalism Association of Community Colleges Regional Conference on Saturday.

Journalism students from surrounding community colleges in Southern California had a chance to show off their skills in the contests that were being held by JACC.

Each contest focused on a specific aspect of essential fundamentals and staples in journalism: news writing, opinion writing, news photo, critical review and copy-editing.

The JACC Conference also supplied students with proper techniques and helpful strategies by hosting workshops on how to effectively cover

stories in the variety of fields that journalism offers.

So-Cal Student Representative Evan Solano praised JACC'S ability to really include student participation.

"The board did a very good job of selecting the people who were planning out the conference. They really made sure that the voices of the students were taken into consideration."

JACC also provided a platform for students to interact and network with fellow journalism students.

JACC State Student President Laura Tapia expressed what her favorite part about the conference was.

"My favorite part about today was the editor's meeting. It was talking to each other and seeing what problems we face and pretty much trying to

help one another out."

Tapia added, "[...] this is the only place that we can get student journalism programs from the region together and you know talk about those instances that affect us."

So-Cal Faculty Representative Patrick Schmiedt expressed how he believes students have benefited from this event.

"I think the benefits were the opportunities for networking not only with professionals and four-year schools but with people who are at the same level.

"These are the people that, in five years, you are going to be in the profession with and so getting a chance to meet with those people from those other schools, I think would be a tremendous opportunity that you don't get that often outside of something like JACC."

Talon Marks receives general excellence

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Talon Marks staff showed what it is made of at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges SoCal Regional Conference by winning General Online Excellence and seven other awards.

The conference was held at Cerritos College on Saturday.

Ethan Ortiz, a journalism major and Editor in Chief of Talon Marks won honorable mention for on-the-spot News Writing contest.

Ortiz said, "It felt great to get an honorable mention for news writing, although I really wanted to place, I'm glad I earned something. I was nervous because I had a hard time concentrating during the actual competition; but when I got the recognition, it made me feel confident in my ability as a writer."

He added, "I felt horrible last semester when we didn't win any mail-in awards, so for Karla Enriquez, Kristopher Carrasco and Terrel Emerson to get recognized for their work last semester was a good feeling."

"Finding out we won Online General Excellence and that we may have been judged during the last few months during my time as Editor-In-Chief was so awesome. I commend everyone who helped make that happen and I'm so proud of my team."

Ortiz also won an honorable mention last semester for news writing.

"It was a great feeling because that was my first journalism conference and I was able to bring something back to Talon Marks."

Emerson, a journalism major and current Online Editor won first and second place for mail-in Sports Game Story.

He emphasized, "I just felt a sense of relief because I wanted one really bad. I didn't even care that it was second place. When my name was called for first place too I didn't even hear it."

"I didn't win any awards at the last JACC that's why this one means so much to me."

After the disappointing night, Emerson shared advice with Talon Marks members, "I told everybody at the last JACC to remember that feeling because it sucks to not be recognized for hard work that we all did. These awards mean a lot to so many of us."

Enriquez added, "I was so happy. Last semester, I was upset that we didn't win any mail-in awards, it was a bit of a demoralizing feeling but it also propelled me to motivate myself and the team to work harder and try new things. So, to win Online General Excellence this semester and get mail-in awards was kind of a redeeming feeling."

Enriquez is a journalism major and Managing Editor who took home second place in the mail-in news photo contest.

She expressed, "I was truly surprised, my heart was beating out of my chest. I was not expecting to win for news photo at all. I submitted two photos from the primaries that I was fortunate enough to cover, but I kind of just put that in the back burner and forgot about it."

"Before college I had my own photo business and photography is something dear to my heart, so it meant so much to even place, it was so special to me."

Last semester Enriquez won an award for OTS video story contest and expressed, "I did win an award at the last JACC, my teammates Briana Velarde and Carrasco really are the ones that are truly talented at video story telling so I was able to learn a lot from them."

Chantal Romero, a sociology major and a Platforms Editor for Talon Marks, won honorable mention for the OTS opinion competition.

"I was surprised, I didn't know what to expect. I don't know if the work that I put was enough or it was right because I never attend a conference like that, so I didn't know how they were grading me."

"I know that I write strong opinion [pieces] I just didn't know if it was at the level of the conference," she said.

Carrasco, former Online Editor for Spring 2016 who won honorable mention for mail-in Infograph and mail-in webcast/broadcast expressed, "When I was called for the first two awards I really wasn't expecting it all, especially since I was mainly there as a volunteer."

"I wasn't even paying attention when we won the Online General Excellence Award so it really caught me off guard that Enriquez had told me to walk up to grab it. Then she totally went and grabbed my hand and took us both up there. It wasn't until I grabbed it that I saw it was for online."



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Recognizing Hard Work: Kristopher Carrasco and Karla Enriquez high five each other for talon marks student newspaper winning online general excellence award. after the awards ceremony the newspaper was awarded seven awards.



TERREL EMERSON/TM

Tearing Down the Wall: Vintage Cerritos Senior Assisted Living Facility resident Bernice Lenton brought her dog Patrick outside for the Child Development Kids at the "Meet the Neighbors" event. The kids were able to spend time with the residents and get to know each other to help break the generational gap.

Meet the neighbors event bridges generational gap

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Pitter-patter of feet and the laughter of children was all one could hear but where it was coming from may be unusual.

Oct. 25-26 the Child Development Center hosted a "Meet the Neighbors" event, next door at the Vintage Cerritos Senior Living facility.

Program Director for the facility Marty Bustillos said, "I want to be able to link wisdom with youth and bring them together to be one. Literally, all that separated us was a wall. The wall came down as of [Tuesday]."

According to Bustillos, the residents told her they forgot what the smiles of children looked like since a lot of them don't get to see their children and grandchildren very often.

Over the two day event the Child Development Center sent approximately 95 children to visit the elderly in hopes of bridging the gap between the generations.

Art studio teacher Debra Gonzalez said, "Well the hope was for the children to come and know their community and their surroundings. They were curious about who's our neighbor and they knew it was a wall and they saw the building and they said 'is that our neighbor?'"

One of the senior living facility residents had a surprise for the children who attended the event.

The first 15-20 minutes of the event were stolen by resident Bernice Lenton's dog, Patrick.

"The kids were running after him and petting him and loving him up but he didn't snap," Lenton said with a smile.

Following the meet and greet, it was time for the featured entertainment, a puppet show performed by Franklin Haynes.

The show included some familiar puppets like Pinocchio and Bobo the Clown. It even featured some unique ones like MC Hamster and Carmen Miranduck.

It seemed to go over well with those in attendance, including David Rodriguez, who is the son of ASCC Vice President Enrique Ro-

driguez.

"My favorite part of the day was the puppet show," he said.

Rodriguez was also in attendance and he felt the event was valuable to his son at such a young age.

He said, "Interacting with our senior citizens, especially our neighbors right here on the Cerritos College campus, it's amazing."

The Child Development Center is looking to organize more events like this one.

Bustillos said, "We're going to build bridges and we're hoping to be able to go over [to the Child Development Center] and tell them stories and have them come over here. We're planning this massive removal of the generational gap."

Rodriguez feels that bridging this gap is an essential part of what needs to be done for the next generation.

"That is our history and our future right there. If you want to learn anything about our future look back into our history. Without our seniors, where are we going to get our knowledge from," he concluded.



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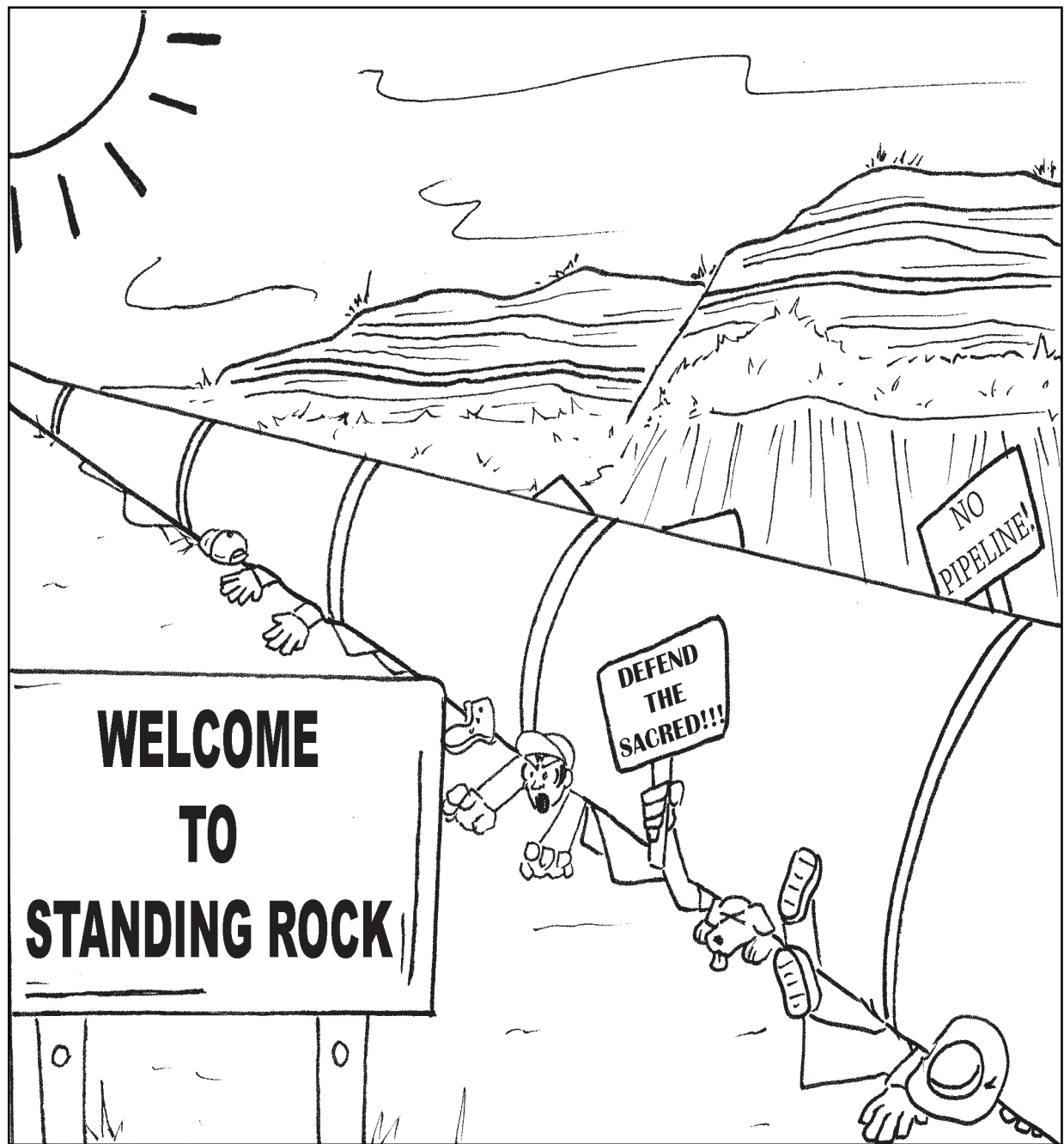
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Learn history, or be doomed to repeat it



Traditional costumes should not be jokes

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The abyss of ignorance is ever yawning, some of us resisting it and others pitching head first.

Nothing says cannon-balling into the abyss by dressing up as a Native American or say, a member of ISIS for Halloween.

You'd think people in a California community college, a phrase that conjures images of bongo-beating hipsters, would know better.

You don't dress up as a caricature of a people who are still here.

It's offensive, racist and ignorant to pretend they are some cartoon cliché of red skin and feathered headdresses.

Especially at this time when Native Americans are fighting for their water rights in North Dakota.

There are also non-Native Americans dressing up in offensive costumes with signs mocking the Standing Rock Sioux Nation's fight against the DAPL extension.

What's it going to take to get people to understand this?

When you choose to dress up as a race, you are mocking its history, culture and identity.

It invalidates that culture's struggles. You wouldn't wear blackface and call it a fun, spooky costume.

Then why would you wear a Native American dress, if you don't know the history or significance behind it?

During the ASCC Halloween Costume Contest, there was also a student dressed as an ISIS fighter.

It's just for fun, you might say, in the spirit of Halloween.

What's the difference between dressing as an ISIS fighter and a

regular soldier?

Well for starters, ISIS is based on religion, Islamic fundamentalism, and can be seen as insensitive to Muslim students who reject Islamic radicalism.

It is still making light of a very serious threat both to Muslims and Americans.

It is also insensitive to other veterans on campus, making light of an ongoing conflict they may have taken part in.

There's fun and then there's disrespect and we have to learn the difference.

People will argue that today's generation is "too sensitive" especially compared to the older generations, but don't pay them any mind because they'll be dead soon.

No it's not about sensitivity, it's about understanding what it means to appropriate a culture, religion or a race and dress up.

Don't pay any mind to that "devil's advocate" or faux-logician" act people put on, it's born out ignorance and misunderstanding.

Don't stop standing for what is right, because if you don't who will?

You can't rely on others to fight those battles for you, and we can't let people who actively fight these injustices do it alone.

People will try to say, "oh that's nothing compared to what x people are going through in y country" which is a logical fallacy. After that, engage in a little ad hominem, call them an idiot and call it a day.

People who think that way fail to grasp the actual concept of the argument, and trying to change their mind through discourse has as much chance of succeeding as Facebook thread comments.

It's no secret that people who make the loudest noise get the most attention.

What happens to the group that is quiet and reserved? A group, that despite all the misfortunes, practices patience. Is this group given equal attention?

The answer is NO, it is not given the attention it deserves.

Nobody should ever be forgotten because no single group's well-being is greater than another. We should all be equal despite race, creed or socioeconomic background.

Everyone needs to cut the bull.

Stop complaining about the misfortunes that you face.

You can't expect reactions without actions. You can't expect change if you do nothing to try and change it.

Now is the time to take action. Look at what is going on in the world around you.

The most recent example is the injustice that is happening against the Standing Rock Sioux Nation in North Dakota.

People need to see that there are struggles beyond their own. If everybody stands together they can fight against injustice in our society.

For those who are not well versed in the subject, here is a little background.

Beginning in December 2014, Dakota Access LLC began to move forward on plans to build a pipeline that would stem from Patoka, Illinois to the Bakken Supply Area in North Dakota.

Most people may think, "What's the big deal? Pipelines are built all the time

with no problem."

The **problem** is that this pipeline passes just a half-mile from the Sioux Reservation and directly through the Missouri River, which is the primary source of water for the reservation.

The **big deal** is that once again, Native Americans are being pushed out of an area that is rightfully theirs and nobody cares.

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office made claims that the land in which they want to build on is sovereign.

It is important to note that the area is where Native American chief Sitting Bull was killed.

He was able to help unite the Sioux tribes and lead them through the Great Sioux Wars against the U.S. Authorities in the 1870s.

This proves that the land is sacred and should not be touched by anyone except the people of the Sioux Nation.

Despite these concerns, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, still concluded that it found no historical value and issued a fast tracked permit in July 2016.

History is repeating itself because of the obsession with the mighty dollar. They have zero regard for what they are doing and who it affects.

It was not until presidential candidate Jill Stein was arrested that mainstream media picked up the story.

It was not until violence was unleashed upon those that came to protest alongside the Standing Rock Tribe, that people began to care.

It's a scene that radiates horror and

disgust. It completely overshadows something that is absolutely powerful.

If you look closer at the scene, you can see multiculturalism at its finest.

In a country that is so divided, it is refreshing to see people from different backgrounds coming together.

It's inspiring how poised the group of protesters are and how spiritually grounded they can be.

If Native Americans from different walks of life can come together and support each other, why can't the rest of America?

There are reports of people being maced and kept in cages like dogs.

Yet, despite all this, they stay grounded and united. They are neighbors, friends and strangers standing as one to fight against a cause.

They may not know any other person's story but they stand together to create one.

In that moment, differences don't matter. The only thing that does matter is that the right thing is done, so take notes and listen.

Embrace the world and care about more than just yourself.

Whether we're family, friends, acquaintances or complete strangers, we all want the same things which is for the one's we love to be happy, safe and healthy.

Race does not matter, religion does not matter and money does not matter.

So embrace one another and your differences, stand together and fight for what is right because without each other, we have no one.

Racism: Not equal opportunity for everyone

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Racial tension has been rising in the United States and has only gotten worse.

This is a key factor that divides people and has become obviously venomous.

It is important to comprehend that racism is first metaphysical.

Anyone can hold these bigoted ideas, but to hold them and have power is something different.

There is plain racism and there is systematic racism.

The former being an idea or theory, and the latter being a power structure.

Both being simultaneous in error.

According to the Webster dictionary, racism is "a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race."

This is an idea in other words it is meta-

physical. This is a concept that can be held by anyone, whether being a person of color or not.

Whites can discriminate against blacks and vice versa.

Some have tossed out the original definition and embraced something different.

The social justice definition isn't really so much on the side of vocabulary, it's more an axiom than anything else, with the axiom being Prejudice + Power = Racism.

This is powerful when describing systemic oppression.

It is here that racism is no longer just an ideological concept, but a thing that deals with materialism. Jim Crow laws were a perfect example of this.

Laws were put into place to bark at black Americans about where not to sit in public places and transportation.

Those seats are what makes this form of racism no longer just an idea, but a tangible concept; the power to take away certain goods based on the color of your skin.

Now, what makes this different than the

former definition?

Well, not all races can be racist. Racism only comes from those who hold the key component of power. Without it, it is merely just prejudice.

This can be problematic for a few reasons, one being that it doesn't look at all racial discrimination as equally important.

Another is that the definition assumes that one racial group (or individual) are the only ones who can possess power.

It's understandable that the original definition puts little to no emphasis on structural powers, which is important to point out and critique.

It's highly essential to criticize the racial powers and have them abolished wherever they are.

If it's assumed that only certain people can hold these powers due to skin color, then that very same power will never truly be abolished.

A fear of the reversal rather than the abolishment of that power doesn't seem so irrational.



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Controversy over offensive costumes

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The beloved tune, “This is Halloween” blared over a speaker in Falcon Square as Cerritos students lined up in order to participate in the costume contest organized by ASCC.

This contest took place on Monday.

The four available categories were: Judges Favorites, scariest costume, funniest costume and Franco’s Entourage

During the costume contest, Twenty-four students participated. Some of the entries included Godzilla, Harley Quinn, Ash Catchem, Baymax and Hiro (Big Hero 6).

Among these entries, however, there were a few costume choices that raised eyebrows.

Culinary Arts major Alexis Luna dressed as a Native American for her entry.

She said “I wanted to dress as a Native American.”

Luna, announced at the costume contest that she was dressed as Pocahontas with an impromptu rendition of “Colors of the Wind,” a song sung in the Disney film version.

Enrique Rueda, who is a veteran and is affiliated with the Veteran’s Center on campus, entered the contest dressed as a member of the extremist militant group, ISIS.

Rueda shouted “Allahu Akbar” and “As-Salaam-Alaikum” intermingled with haphazard syllables in an attempt to sound as actual phrases in Arabic.

Chief Justice Vanessa Vega, who also announced winners and introduced contestants stated, “He went to change immediately. It was a controversial choice, definitely not a wise or safe choice.”

Rueda was met with “boos” by the audience and was immediately disqualified from the contest.

Student Activities Coordinator Amna Jara said, “He was disqualified and I asked him to leave.”

The winners of the costume contest were:

- Gregory Woodard, who took home the Judge’s Favorite trophy for his entry as a member of the hip-hop group, Run DMC
- Tiffany Avery took “Funniest Costume” for her entry as Sister Mary Clarence from the movie Sister Act
- Priscilla “Scariest Costume” for her Dia de los Muertos inspired costume
- Javier Ortiz and Stephanie Garcia won “Franco’s Entourage” for their costumes as Bob and Linda from the animated comedy, ‘Bob’s Burgers’.

The audience had their preference, film major Jasmine Martinez stated “Pocahontas, Bob’s Burgers, and Sally were the ones that stood out for me.”

The Halloween Costume Contest wasn’t the only on-campus event. The Pumpkin Carving Contest was also held the same day.

Trophies for this contest were awarded to the sole contest entry.

An Aluminum foil face, plastic to-go cup eyes, a twined mouth, LED lights and a bandage adorned the winning entry.

The Robotics Club took home all three trophies for their Terminator inspired pumpkin.

English major Rafael Ivan and Electrical Engineering major Moses Won explained the theme for their winning submission.

Won stated, “So because this was an entry for the Robotics Club, we had everyone pitch in ideas.”

Ivan interjected,” We incorporated a Terminator theme to the pumpkin because [the movie] has a link to robotics.

The fact that the trophies were gained by default did not damper Won and Ivan’s excitement and proud disposition over their winning entry.



Game time: Biology major Jasmine Ortega (left) and nursing major Fabiola Nepomuceno (right) playing billiards in the game room on Thursday. Both Ortega and Nepomuceno visit the game room once a day and are looking forward to the changes to the game room a budget of \$150,000 can make.

ASCC asks how to spend \$150,000 on a game room

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What does a \$150,000 game room look like? What would students like to see in it?

Those are the questions that ASCC government is asking.

ASCC President Saul Lopez said, “I’m telling students ‘help me and the [ASCC] senate figure out how to spend this because we have \$150,000 and we’d really like your student input.”

Student survey open now

He is asking students to take a survey to determine how to spend the \$150,000 budget that has been approved for the rebuild, remodel, and improvement of the game room.

As it stands, the game room has over 10 arcade-type games and billiard tables available for student use.

Whether the money is spent bringing in new console-type games like the Wii or PlayStation, or if it is transformed into something similar to a Multicultural Center depends on the answers provided on the survey.

Which was made available to students on Oct. 24 and will remain open until Nov. 24.

It is a key part of making changes to the game room.

Lopez explained that although the idea of changing the game room was one that former ASCC President Eddie De La Rosa, Student

Trustee Karen Patron and himself agreed to take the necessary steps to get the budget for renovations.

The process of getting the budget approved by the Budget and Finance Committee, and all branches of government was one that required time and stipulations.

Patron said, “ASCC government branches have been supportive of the idea. The remodeling of the game room has been an ongoing conversation and now we are finally taking action.”

Lopez elaborated on the process for getting the funding for the remodeling.

He said, “I made the motion in the [Budget and Finance Committee] and everyone was receptive, except it was very inclined to [say] ‘there needs to be senate approval for multiple processes.’ Before it gets approved, there has to be drawings, there has to be an itemization of what we’re buying, there has to be cost for all of that and it has to total depending on how much it costs, it has to be less than \$150,000, which is what the account has.”

Getting student input

How to spend the budget, what items to buy and ultimately what becomes of the space is something that Lopez as ASCC President can decide on and present to senate as his own cause to champion.

However, he believes that would be the wrong course of action to take for a space that

should be used by every student on campus.

He said, “I couldn’t make the decision by myself. I can’t just be like ‘I want to renovate the game room. I want to make it a Cross Cultural Center’ [...] it wouldn’t be right. What would be right is to go and ask the students what they would like.”

He is proud to have stepped back from imposing his views on what the space should become and has created a survey that would be unbiased and allow students to choose and express what they want the space to be.

“I want to make sure that the students just know there’s a survey out there, [...] it’s important that the students pick, and what we use is the student input because as student leaders we’re elected to represent them” Lopez said.

Other uses for space

Patron has her own views on what the space should be.

She said, “I have been advocating for the game room to become a Multicultural Center since I ran for this [Student Trustee] position.

During the summer President Lopez and myself went to visit different Cross Cultural Centers in order to get different perspectives of what they are used for.

“Every campus we have been to has their own version of a Multicultural Center that fits the needs of their students on campus” Patron said.

She added, “As a first generation undocu-

mented student, my hope is to create a Multicultural Center that would include all of our identity groups on campus.

Regardless of what is to become of the space, I want it to be a place where students feel welcomed and have an environment in which they can work collaborative on initiatives that would benefit the students on campus.”

The students on campus like Biology major Jasmine Ortega and Fabiola Nepomuceno, Nursing major, visit the game room once a day and play on the billiard tables.

Ortega knew about the survey and had taken it herself, but she was not aware of the budget that was available to make the changes.

She said, “I think it’s interesting that they are upgrading it and adding more [game] variety.”

Game consoles like the Wii and Xbox are what she is looking forward to.

Nepomuceno’s request is to give the game room more space.

She said, “Make it bigger a lot of people come at one time and it gets full.”

Update the Game Room!



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Food for the dead: Psychology major and MEChA member Stephanie Nunez stands behind an altar for Dia de los Muertos to memorialize loved ones who have passed. The club gave away churros and other Mexican sweets.

Celebrating the dead: Día de los Muertos

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MEChA Club and the Punte Program took it upon themselves to set up booths in Falcon Square on Tuesday, to raise club and culture awareness and especially to celebrate Dia de los Muertos.

Students gathered to look at the altar, decorated by MEChA, designed to commemorate family members and loved ones who have passed away.

Food, flowers, candles, photographs, and possessions of the deceased are placed on the altar as an ofrenda (offering) for the individual.

It is believed that line between life and death is lifted and the dead and the living able to cross over and maintain contact with their loved ones during the days of Dia de los Muertos and celebrate life and death.

Studio Art major Jordan Wong enjoyed conchas, Mexican sweet bread, and duros, fried pinwheel-shaped snacks, while moving along to the beat of the music that could be heard from MEChA’s booth.

Dia de los Muertos is celebrated on Nov. 1-2 and it is a time when the Latino culture construct and design altars in order to commemorate loved ones and family members who have passed.

Wong, shared his thoughts on

the event, “It feels very positive, everyone is smiling. I think it’s a lot more upbeat than Halloween is. I feel without it [Celebration of Dia de los Muertos], life would be a lot more boring.”

Computer Science major and MEChA member Jesus Meillon reason for establishing the day’s event, “We just wanted to show the Mexican culture and to remember family members who have passed away.”

Business Administration and Managing major Giovanni Ruiz states his reason for taking part in the Dia de los Muertos celebration, “I feel like it brings out my heritage, reminds me of my childhood, and keeps me in touch with my Hispanic background.

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Zombie Infestation: Candice Garcia, political science major, was a zombie at the Cerritos College Zombie Fest held on Thursday. Garcia followed the rules established by ASCC and got as close as she could without touching the participants, she stayed in the maze the entire time the event was happening.

ASCC hosts annual zombie outbreak

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The living dead came out to play and scare those who dared enter the Zombie Fest maze.

ASCC put together a Zombie Maze on Thursday filled with about 13 students disguised as zombies.

This year student government wanted Zombie Fest to have more student engagement.

The event was set out to accomplish that goal by having the zombies be students and having the Cosmetology Department and Cosmetology Club design and apply all of the zombie's make up.

Alan Rodriguez, Inter-Club council commissioner, said, "In years past we've used someone else but this year [ASCC] wanted to do it more for the students and have student engagement."

Rodriguez is a civil engineer and architect major, his knowledge of building played a role in deciding how to make the maze.

He said, "My major is obviously building and we knew this was the best way and the most interactive way we can have [it]."

"Building it out of wooden slabs was going to take a long time, and then last year there was a wind of gust that tore off half of the maze so [ASCC government] didn't want that this year, that's why we got the inflatable [maze]."

There were two other significant differences between last year's Zom-

bie Fest and this year's.

One was the location; the maze moved from Falcon Square to the back of the Student Center Building.

The change in location made it harder for students on campus to notice the event was going on but the larger open area made the use of a larger maze possible.

The second change was having the Cosmetology Department and Club be in charge of the design for the zombie make up and do the actual application of the face painting. Cosmetology major Ricardo Gonzalez helped plan, coordinate and execute the zombie face paint.

He said, "It took a week and a half, our thought process on everything, getting together with ASCC, planning it all, but really getting it together was a solid week of stress."

He said the hardest part of the event was communication and keeping everyone involved in the event informed about times and places to meet and the products needed for the zombie make-up.

According to Gonzalez there were at most 25 zombies and the application varied from 30 to 45 minutes per person with groups of two to three people working on them.

Cosmetology major Tiffany Mark agreed that it was a stressful week of "Money crunching, arguments, making decisions. Our whole department is volunteering among our department there's at least 10 [zombies] and all of our

class has some make-up on."

Areal Hughes, Zombie Fest committee member, said, "It took a lot of time and preparation, Rodriguez and his team of [Zombie Fest committee] members, as well as Amna Jara and Cynthia Chavez really helped out to put this together, but really this was [Rodriguez] baby pretty much."

The three months that Rodriguez and his committee spent planning the event were well spent according to Hughes, "You can see fruits of the labor it's going really successfully people are scared. They don't even want to go through [...] it just started but I believe we've had more than 15 or 20 people come through and that's really good because we just opened."

She also explained that a liability waiver had to signed to get in the maze.

Once inside the maze it consisted of two inflatable mazes put together, the first part had walls with see through netting, which allowed zombies to see and scare participants.

The second part did not have netting making the space inside the maze more constricted.

A second set of walls allowed zombies to hide and jump out as participants were passing by.

Film major Luis Marquez said, "I thought it was pretty creepy, they were hiding in the yellow walls."

"One of the zombies scared me earlier."

Hip-Hop's top three trending songs

1. Fake Love - Drake

The Canadian rapper's brand new single "Fake Love" was released on Oct.26.

The song provides us with an interesting story and situation to think about.

"Fake Love" is about people pretending to be his friend because they want to use him and to be better than him.

2. Bounce Back - Big Sean

The American rapper gets a lot off his chest with his new single that was released on Monday.

It is rare to hear Sean in this beat. He nearly raps for three and a half minutes.

"Bounce Back" addresses how influential he's been to the rap game and how fake people are in the rap game.

3. Broccoli - D.R.A.M.

The Virginia rapper collaborates with Lil Yachty on his recent release that is taking over the radio.

Broccoli can be a few things like weed, money or children's most hated vegetable.

For D.R.A.M. he uses it as an opportunity to say he's beyond all the fake industry people.

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Blend it up: Sports Editor Monique Nethington demonstrates the pink eyeshadow trend. Make-up artists are now using a pink shadow not only for the top of the eye but for the bottom liner.

Mo' Fashion: Pink shadow takes over

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When we think fall we think of dark, earthy tones.

You see different shades of burgundy, green, brown and gold. All this usually transfers over into the beauty department.

The eyes get a little smokier and lips get a little bit darker. This look always exudes a sexiness and bit of mystery to any women's look that will forever be loved.

However, this year it is a bit different.

With pastel colors like soft pink, and different shades of mustard yellow flooding the Fall/Winter 2016 runways, it seems as though sum-

mer does not really want to leave us.

Naturally beauty bloggers everywhere are pulling inspiration from high end designers and weaving it through their weekly makeup routines.

So, don't be afraid to stray away from the usual dark fall make up. Switch up by adding hues of peach and pinks to your color palette.

The look can be achieved in so many versatile ways that will keep you looking just as sexy and mysterious as the dark colors of fall usually do.

Just a few tips:

To achieve a more natural looking look by using soft pinks and hues of peach

To achieve a nighttime look go a little darker and brighter. Utilize your hot pinks and your pinks with purple under-tone to make your night look pop and look more dramatic

Avoid the over use of the lower waterline. This look makes you look like you have actual pink eye

False Lashes are always a plus

To achieve the look pictured above the following products were used:

BH Cosmetics Blushed Neutrals eye shadow palette
Urban Decay Naked Palette 3
Sephora liquid eyeliner
Sephora Full Action Mascara
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Women's Soccer

Falcons continue to dominate South Coast Conference League

Cerritos College women's soccer team continue to roll through teams with a win at home against Rio Hondo last Friday. It defeated the Roadrunners 4-0.

Men's Soccer

Lack of team leadership proved costly

With the loss of their team captain Austin De Mederios, the Falcons could not pull it together. It was defeated at home by the Rio Hondo Roadrunners, 2-0, last Friday.

Volleyball

Cerritos Volleyball holds losing record

After a win against East Los Angeles College, the Falcons were unable to pull off a win against Chaffey. The team was defeated three sets to two, dropping their season record to 8-11

Women's Water Polo

Falcons water polo pull off shutout win

In their last conference game of the season the women's water polo team shut out LA Trade Tech 19-0. The team is now headed to the post season with a season record of 15-9, and a conference

Football

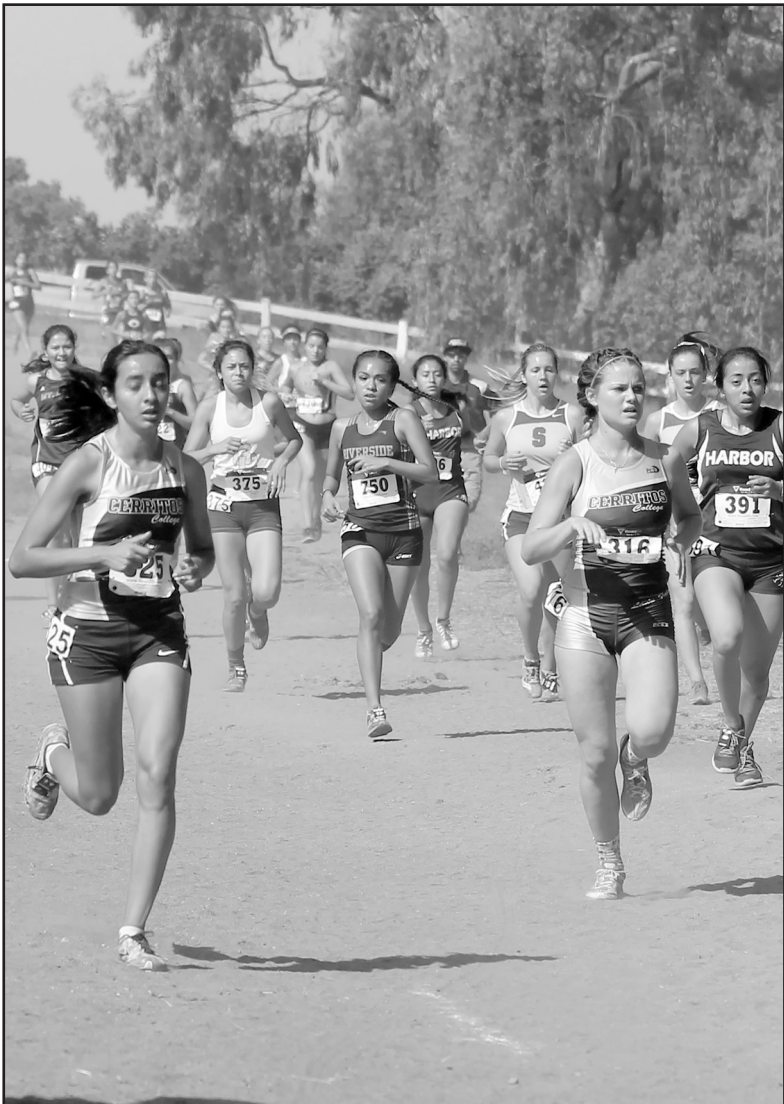
Last minute tackle saves game for the Falcons.

A tackle in the last seconds of the game by linebacker Alex Bush was able to secure a Cerritos win last Saturday against College of the Canyons. The team walked off the field with a 24-21 win, keeping its play-off hopes alive.

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Leaders: Runners Rebecca Harris (right) and Adriana Velasco (left) led a pack of runners through the hills of Huntington Beach. The two helped the women's team advance to the SoCal Finals, which take place Friday at Irvine Regional.



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Taking strides: Cerritos College Men's Cross Country team members, Carlos Mendoza (left) and Christian Macias (right), race to the finish line. The team will move on to the SoCal Championships on Friday.

Cross Country to SoCal Championship

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After under performing at the South Coast Conference Championship, on Friday, the Cerritos Cross Country Program will head back to Irvine Regional Park to compete in the Southern California Championship.

Coach Bryan Ramos stated, "Both the men and women under performed. [The teams] were chasing instead settling into a rhythm and pace."

The sub-par performance, that took place at Legg Lake Park on Friday, was enough to place both teams into the top five of each race and advance them the SoCal meet.

Women's 5k Race

Despite having had stellar performances first place performance in New York, the women's cross country couldn't pull together the same tenacity and strength.

Freshman and front runner, Rebecca Harris stated, "It wasn't our best performance. We lost a bit of focus."

Harris led the women's team throughout the race and finished 22 overall with a recorded time of 19:55 minutes.

"I personally think I did well," she said, "I was a bit tired from the hard practices [but] I was happy with the outcome."

The women were able to pull it together in last leg of the race and

block together for a close finish.

Just behind Harris were teammates Sarah Padilla, Adriana Velasco and Briana Gil.

Padilla finished in 26th with a recorded time of 20:30 minutes, while Velasco and Gil both finished with a time of 20:33 minutes to take the 27th and 28th spots.

Harris continued to say that course was fairly easy for her team and that the team's coaches prepared them well for this race.

To finish out the scoring for the Falcons was freshman Tyler Simpson. He finished with a time of 20:40 minutes placing her 30th overall.

The combined race times and finishes gave the team a total of 115 points just enough to remain in the top five and advanced them into the SoCal Championships.

Men's 4-mile race

The men's cross country team struggled more so than the women having its runners staggered throughout the race rather than running together as a team.

Ramos said, "We had no pack running after the first mile and a half. It really hurt our chances to do well [at the race]."

Sophomore Carlos Mendoza was part of the disjointed pack of lead runners.

He was able to finish 13 overall out of 88 competitors.

According to Mendoza, mentality for him and his teammates was a big issue.

Mendoza said, "My whole mentality was to stick with our rivals Mt. SAC. So, I took off fast." It was a decision he later would regret making because he messed up what he said was, "the pack running."

He continued, "I left my team behind and messed [things up]."

More than 20 seconds later Mendoza was joined by freshman teammate Abraxaz Sanchez.

Sanchez finished with a time of 21:05.1 minutes putting him in the 23 finishing spot.

Rounding out the scoring top five for the Falcons were runners Jhami Long, Faustino Diaz and Cristhian Macias.

The trio were able to finish within eight seconds of each other.

"The team fell off after the second mile," Mendoza said, "That [alone] caused the team to lose their composure."

Ramos also said, "The men faded during the second portion of the race."

The team over extended themselves and ultimately it cost them a top three finished.

Despite the issues the men faced during the race, they still pulled together 97 points.

This was enough to keep them in fourth place and advanced to the SoCal Championship.

Mendoza stated, "Overall, we did bad, but we learned a new lesson which was to not take off so fast in the first two miles of a race."

He finished by saying that they also have to work as a team more

and not to let anyone fall behind.

SoCal Championship

Both the men and women teams will compete at Irvine Regional Park on Friday.

This will be the first time since the beginning that the teams will be returning to the park.

Harris stated, "We aren't concerned about the course."

"As long as we stay mentally tough we will easily make it to stay state."

The last time they competed at this course there were struggles on both ends.

Ramos said, "There were a few things we didn't execute."

The women took sixth place, the men took 12 and both of them struggled to work as a team.

It was a learning experience for both teams.

"Both teams were not engaged and aware of each other. This has to change," he said.

Now moving into the championship they hope the lessons have been learned.

Friday, the true test will be given to the teams.

Ramos said, "We talked about being patient and not going out to fast because of the hill in the second mile."

A solid top five finish for Cerritos will keep team state championship hopes alive for both the men and women.

Harris said, "We have done plenty of training and we are ready!"

Falcons shutdown Rio Hondo College

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The Falcons wrestling team continues to dominate this season, with 48-0 home victory over the Rio Hondo Roadrunners on Wednesday.

As the team moves closer to state, it looks forward to compete against Mt. SAC and gain another dominating win.

Coach Don Garriott was happy with the results of the event, but didn't think the team's conditioning was up to par.

"They did a good job, [Rio Hondo] didn't win a [single] match against us. [I'm] till not quite happy with where our conditioning is. It seemed as though some of our guys got tired," Garriott said.

Despite a few of the guys either going up a weight class or dropping a weight class, Garriott doesn't believe it had anything to do with the lack of conditioning.

The 197-pound freshmen David Van Weems was one of the victories at the Rio Hondo match. He was able to defeat opposing wrestler Andrew Ramos, who also happens to be ranked No. 3 in the state.

Van Weems said, "It's just a ranking. For a lot of wrestlers [they're like] 'oh he's racked!' I don't care. I just go out there and wrestle. Ranking is just some nerd's opinion. So, I didn't really care, I just went out and wrestled the way I wrestled."

Wrestling is like 50 percent muscle and 50 percent mental. It's different for other teams, you go one on one[...] but if you go in with that mind-set that 'this guy is ranked higher than me, oh no I'm scared' the tiniest things add up."

He continued, "You won't shoo, you won't move, your feet will be sloppy, you'll be all scared and skit-tish. You can't go in like that. You gotta do you."

One of the wrestlers who had to move up in weight class was, the 133-pound freshmen, Norberto Buenrostro.

Buenrostro said, "Basically I just bumped up to 33. Coach said 'hey you're no longer going to 25 you're going to 33. We want to give our 33-pounder a break'[...] I went out there confident, [and was] ready to ground."

The 285-pound freshmen David Zavala was one of the victors of the day who's win came by pin fall.

He said "I had pinned him before, so I was hoping I would do it [again] and I came out and got done. I feel pretty good."

He continued, "He fought, it was a lot harder than the first time. He knew what was coming, he was trying to close the gap between us. It gets harder and harder. Everyone gets harder."

Zavala, Van Weems and Buenrostro all expressed that they are ready for Mt. SAC match which will take place Wednesday here at the Cerritos College gymnasium.

Mens water polo breaks team record in conference closure

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With the final conference game played, the only thing left for the Falcons are the South Coast Conference Championship coming up Friday.

The men's water polo team finished the season strong with a 30-9 victory over L.A. Trade Tech.

The 30 goals the team scored broke a single game record for the team.

Utility player, Jesus Rojas said, "It was a little bit easy, that team's not that good."

L.A. Trade Tech finished the season with zero wins, and wasn't the most competitive game for the Falcons this season, but Coach Joe Abing doesn't believe in a wasted opportunity.

"Trade Tech was a good game to get everybody some playing time," he said.

That victory puts Cerritos at 24-4 overall and 5-1 in conference play this season with the conference championship in sight.

Cerritos first game of the tournament will be played Friday.

The Falcons fully expect to see Mt. SAC Friday for the second time after beating them earlier this season 19-18.

Abing trusts that he and his team will be better prepared for Mt. SAC this time around, the first time they met Cerritos surrender 18 goals and only narrowly escaped the loss after scoring with 14 seconds left to give them the lead.

"I think that [Mt. SAC] are still going to be a tough opponent, but we'll definitely be more prepared for them, on the flip side [Mt. SAC] will probably be prepared for us as well," Abing said.

Rojas is very excited and confident to play this weekend against conference rivals such as Mt. SAC.

"We're really excited to play this weekend, we're really focused on it," Rojas said, "we just have to keep it up in practice, but our goal is to win."

"We can beat [Mt. SAC,]" he finished.

If the Falcons are able to advance to the conference championship, they are almost one hundred percent sure Long Beach will be waiting for them.

Long Beach beat Cerritos earlier in the season and is responsible for the Falcons' only conference loss this season.

Rojas said "[Long Beach] beat us because we weren't focused on that game, but we can beat them."

He added, "We just have to make good passes and play smart last time we played them we weren't very smart."

Beating Long Beach would not only give Cerritos revenge for earlier this season, but also Long Beach beat Cerritos in the conference championship finals last season.

After the South Coast Conference tournament on Sunday the seeding for the Southern California Regional Playoffs will be announced.

The playoffs will start the following Wednesday, and the top two teams from the playoffs will advance to the State Championship.

Rojas has the utmost confidence in his team in the coming tournaments and the prospect of playing for the state championship.

He said, "We got to go to state first, then we're going to win."



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Moving forward: Driver Angel Rojas fights through the defense to the goal. Cerritos Men's now advances to playoffs beginning on Friday.