



BACKGROUND
CHECK NON-
EXISTENT ON
CAMPUS

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What happens if a student gets expelled from another college for misconduct and enrolls into another college? Is the college then notified about the student’s record?

According to Title IX Coordinator Dr. Valyncia Raphael, the answer is no, unless the student themselves choose to disclose said information.

Raphael states, “Student conduct records are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and student records are private so it is protected by law so unless there’s an educational need to know that information wouldn’t be shared with another school.”

Cerritos College nor “schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education” can publicly disclose information about a student’s disciplinary records due to FERPA.

Raphael states, in her opinion, the issue that may occur with making student records public information, “we can put it [their record] on their transcript and everywhere they go, it follows them.”

“If someone is like, ‘okay, you know, I did this thing, I was held accountable, I learned my lesson, I want to start over, but now I can’t because no school will take me because of my actions.’

“That’s a factor to think about, is that what we want? And I think as an education system we have to think about this.”

Dean of Student Services Elizabeth Miller states, “We can’t automatically take action against them just cause we learned they had a prior record.”

“It’s a challenge all community colleges deal with is.”

“Exceptions to that might be if there is someone who was a victim of the perpetrator on the campus there we might explore based on remedies that might be allowed under Title IX.”

“If there’s restrictions based on what classes to be in, we want to protect the victim, number one, to make sure they don’t share a class or if there’s any issues with walking or time of day.”

“We would look into that so it’s very case by case but if we know there’s a victim on campus and a perpetrator might be looking to come or accused we would take steps to try and protect the victim.”

There are no classes or training on campus available to students who have committed acts of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct.

Miller advises, “If there are students that are ever concerned or if they hear of someone who is sharing something that they, if someone says ‘well I was suspended because I did something in the past.’ That comes up, we don’t know if it’s true or not.”

“If they’re ever concerned they can see myself or Dr. Raphael, whether they want to report something about themselves or they’re just seeking where they can get resources.”



DAVID JENKINS

“Pointless”: Shades such as these have been put across campus and have been called pointless by many as they provide no shade from the sun. These structures are not finished says David Moore, director of physical plant and construction services.

SHADE INCOMPLETE

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The shade structures in front of the administrative office and library are construction projects that are not yet finished according to Director of Physical Plant and Construction Services David Moore.

“It’s been quite the challenge” says Moore, concerning the top of the structures, namely the lack of shade it is supposed to provide.

When designed, it was done with the intent of having a shade covering similar to that of the science building.

Moore goes on to mention the Division of the State Architect in his explanation as to why the shade structures are incomplete.

“This is common, when you have something that is unknown, we knew a top was going on it and what kind of top was going

on it, but who ever got the contract to put the top on.

“How they attach it is up to them,” said Moore.

This is called a “deferred approval” according to Moore.

He continued, “So DSA approved them and we had a deferred approval for the top and DSA has been very difficult to get the approval.

“In fact we’ve been up there numerous times talking to them in central L.A.

“While we have been waiting for these tops to be approved we went ahead and built these things and we didn’t dream it would take this long.”

He went on to say “They’re not finished, everyone asks about them.”

Moore said he’s heard a lot of positive feedback about the new sites being a cool place to hang out.

“More than anyone, I want to see the tops put on” Moore said.

These newly constructed spaces are meant to provide spots for students to hang out, or for faculty to take their students out for out-door classrooms, according to Moore.

Moore and his team are ready to put up the tops once they get approval from the DSA and they’ll be “going up fast.”

Cerritos College already has the top of the shade structures made and in there possession and are just waiting for the DSA approval.

The school is looking to have more construction done this year.

Cerritos College is going forward and will start constructing the Health and Wellness Center.

That will be seen in the future, the demolition of the Physical Education Building and a health clinic will be built in its place.

This project will be an estimate of \$50 million.



DAVID JENKINS

Finished product: Similar structures will be the end result for the shades structures across campus.

ESL STUDENTS OUT OF CLASSES CAUSED BY CAMPUS POLICY

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Departments on campus have had difficulties with enrollment due to a policy put in place by Cerritos College says speech department chairperson Angela Hoppe-Nagao.

The policy is in regard to how classes are listed in Schedule Plus, a website which is used to help students form a class schedule.

Smaller departments, such as English as a Second Language, have complained about this practice--claiming that this has hurt class enrollment and has even lead to the cancellation of their classes.

The issue many professors have is that “the Friday at midnight prior to the start of the semester all classes switch to closed even if there are open seats,” said Hoppe-Nagao.

Hoppe-Nagao said, “This is a controversial issue in that there

are some people on campus who like this approach, but this is hurting a lot of smaller departments and it is hurting a lot of students.”

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Showing classes as closed on Schedule Plus is misleading to students.

JOANN SUGIHARA CHEETHAM
ESL Instructor

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The argument against removing the practice is that students who add after the first day or week have a hard time catching up with missed material.

Jose Fierro, president of Cerritos College, said, “Most of our faculty want to do the right thing, but when you see late students failing every semester you start keeping track.”

ESL instructor Joann Sugihara Cheetham said, “Showing classes as closed on Schedule

Plus the Friday before the semester begins is misleading to students.

Cheetham explained that many times she has to email students to answer question they may have due to the campus’ guideline .

Cheetham said, “However, this message only gets read by existing Cerritos College students, not prospective ones.”

Cheetham said that even though Schedule Plus states to see instructors if the class is listed as closed many students do not pursue the class.

Fierro said, “There are departments who say, ‘No, I want the class to be closed the first week back.’ and there are faculty like Angela [Hoppe-Nagao] that are saying, ‘No, I want students to have the opportunity to join the class.’

“It is hard to say that this faculty member is correct and this one isn’t. Both ends have a valid point.”

Both Hoppe-Nagao and

Cheetham have said that the guideline is confusing to have in practice since enrollment in community colleges are declining.

Hoppe-Nagao said, “I think it would be in the colleges’ and in every student’s best interest that rather than classes switching to closed, if there are open seated, it should still say open.”

Fierro presented a possible solution saying, “If the whole department agrees the classes for that department will be kept as open, rather than finding who did this, who was in favor.”

However, Fierro said that it was unsure if removing or changing the policy was a possibility since the change was done by a previous dean with other faculty members.

Fierro concluded by saying, “At the end of the day, I think what we need to find is a solution that is best for the students and the rest of us can manage to adapt to something that is a bit different.”

ONLINE

A change in narrative is due, focus on the crime not the ethnicity
-Bianca Martinez



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OPINION

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OUR MONEY, OUR EXPERIENCE

If you have not already heard, Jack White the former lead singer for the band The White Stripes is making quite a stir in the public eye.

Jack White stated that he is banning all cell phones and similar devices at his upcoming concert at the Boston Calling music festival.

White is not the first to do so, fellow artists such Alicia Keys, Dave Chapelle and more have also taken part in the ban.

Fans have taken notice and while some agree others are not happy with what White had to say, “We think you’ll enjoy looking up from your gadgets for a little while and experience music and our shared love for it in person.”

All this just for the “human experience.”

Those who are planning on going to the concert are to, upon arrival, put their phone in a Yondr pouch.

The Yondr pouch locks up your phone so you’re unable to use it unless you go to designated points inside the venue where you can unlock the security tag.

It’s like going to a store, buying a nice shirt and then realizing you’re left with the security tag still attached and you can’t wear it unless you take

the tag off.

Although, this could be a good idea, it does not leave much for the fans who want to share their memories.

White did state that all photos will be taken by a photographer and posted on their website, according to a source on Omaha.com, “White also employs a tour photographer to take professional photos, which he supplies free to fans on his website, “and new Instagram page.

But it’s not the same as the fans actually having photos of their own.

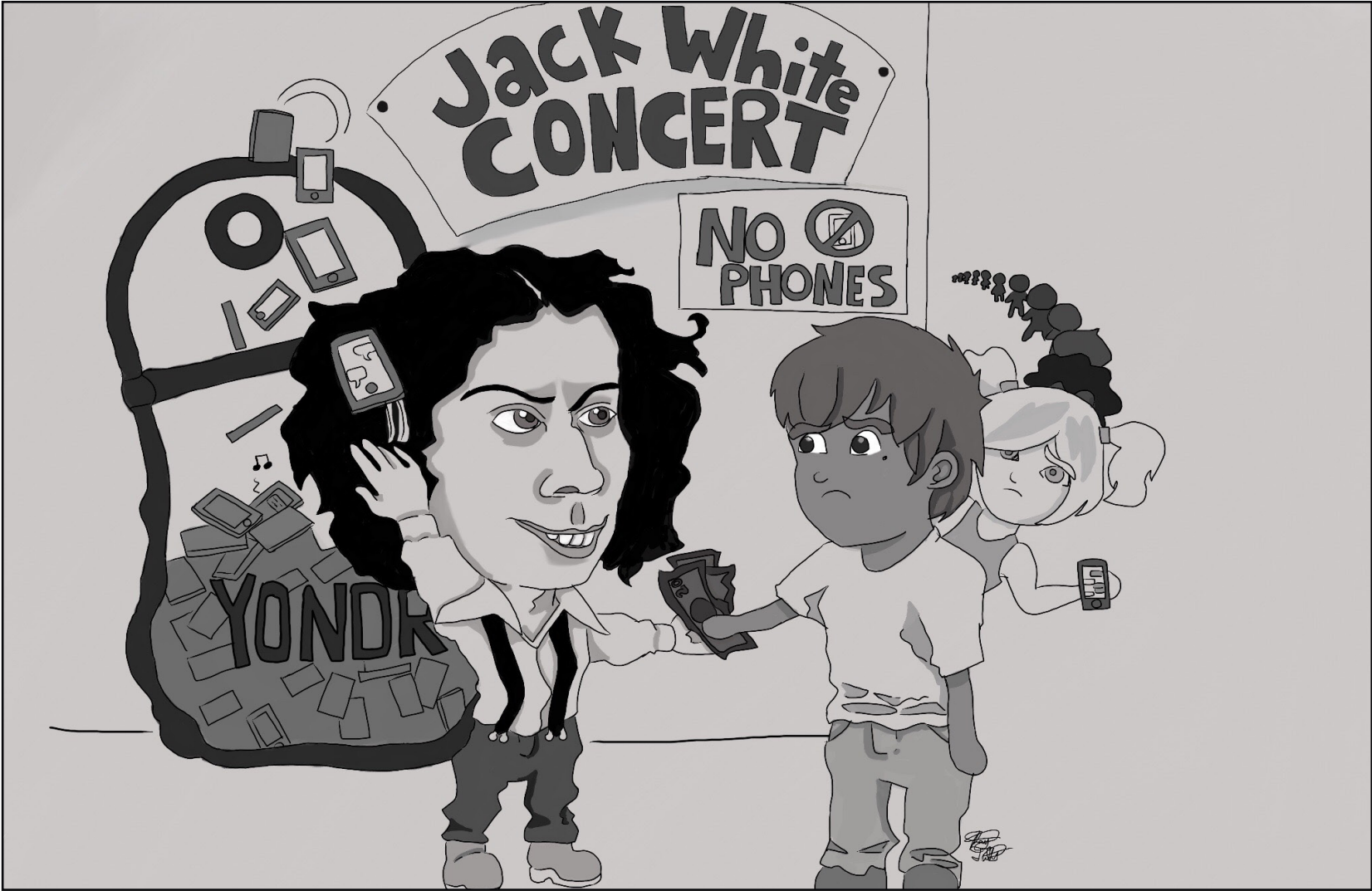
Here’s the thing that White does not understand: we paid for our concert tickets, and it’s our concert experience.

So, shouldn’t we be able to film or capture our experience and share it with the world?

The problem with this policy is locking up phones so that fans can have the “human experience” is a bit drastic, and a little bit like how you would treat a child.

We are not at a dinner table where it’s understandable that we should look up from our phones, and stop snapping the entire meal.

This is a concert, it’s what people do to save moments and share it with their friends.



RACHEL TULLY/FREELANCE ILLUSTRATOR

There are two things that can go on at a concert, people will most likely agree to this and enjoy the show.

Or something can go terribly

wrong and fans won’t be able to use their phones to make calls to their families or record what is happening to send out to others.

In case of an emergency, how

will people call 911. How will they reach their loved ones to tell them they’re okay.

Because of some pouch, they wouldn’t be able to.

Here is what we can do, we can sit back and let the artist tell us what to do. Or we can have the choice to do what we want since it’s our money, our experience.



Busy at work: Democratic leadership discuss the Child Care For Working Families Act

GETTY IMAGES

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN FAILS TO SAVE DACA

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The Democrats failed thousands in their attempt to reach a DACA deal during the recent government shutdown.

The issue was split into two debates; DACA and the border wall.

With Democrats currently outnumbered, a shutdown seemed like an excellent way to achieve their desired outcome. It could have succeeded if Democrats had been more attentive to their goals.

Instead, Democrats did not accomplish what they intended to do and walked away with nothing.

Almost no progress was achieved from the Democratic point of view. This is unacceptable; a resolution to the current issues surrounding DACA needs to be attended to.

If Democrats want to succeed

in this current political climate, they need to act more aggressively.

It would seem that the ones who benefited the most from this shutdown were the Republicans.

Since they overcame the shutdown, they now have the upper hand in making a deal that works in their best interests.

In his usual way, President Trump was quick to declare victory. The fact that this gave him political ammunition to use, regardless if it was entirely true, almost makes the shutdown a mistake.

Though the Democrat’s refusal to allow the wall funding was appreciated by many, the fact still remains that they decided to end the filibuster on the promise that talks would continue.

They are now in almost the same position with DACA as they were before.

The Republicans now have more of a political advantage. Seeing that they can overcome a Democratic shutdown will em-

bolden them and the president will undoubtedly twist this to his advantage.

DACA benefactors, many who are students, now must hold their breath even longer as the talks have been extended.

They should have had an answer at the end of this shutdown. It is inexcusable that such an important decision to many people living in the United States is still being worked on.

Should a reasonable foothold be established for the Democrats, they need to be more aggressive in what they want.

They need to be less compromising if they want to get anywhere in a government where they have no majority.

They must move past the petty squabbling that defines modern politics and begin to work better to achieve their goals.

They must take stronger stances and stay staunch in them. This cannot be overstated. Until this happens, DACA will be only a dream.

MILLENNIALS UPSET THEY CAN’T BOOTLEG
CONCERT EXPERIENCES ANYMORE

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Technology has become such a necessity that it has skewed our priorities when it comes to entertainment.

The example used is the topic of our paper’s editorial: phones and concerts.

Some venues are starting to utilize Yondr, a pouch that locks once a phone has been placed inside.

If you want to use your phone you have to exit the main viewing area and go to a designated machine to unlock the pouch.

The two main arguments people have against this is since they purchased the ticket they have the right to use their phones or not and that it’s a security issue.

Many artists have said it’s distracting and they want their fans to enjoy the concert live.

What they forget to mention is it’s also a copyright violation. Although the person recording may have right to the footage, they don’t have rights to the content.

Another thing that isn’t said is that recording and distributing (such as posting online) is considered illegal under the anti-bootlegging laws: and yes, even for personal use it is still considered a bootleg.

It has been argued by some that they have rights to record since they paid for the ticket and ultimately make the artist famous.

Why support an artist and

then resist when they offer us their wisdom. Artists are just saying fans will enjoy the concert more if they put their phones away.

Others have tossed the idea of people boycotting concerts if the audience isn’t allowed to use their phones during the show.

Would fans really boycott the artists they enjoy because they aren’t allowed to record?

Musicians perform for the audience present to enjoy the concert in the moment, not so they can post shitty quality videos on Snapchat for people who aren’t at the show.

“But I won’t sell it or show it to anyone. It’s so I can look back and remember how much fun I had.”

Unfortunately your early onset of Alzheimers isn’t an excuse for recording.

The second big issue people had with not being able to access their phones is, what if there is an emergency. For example, God

forbid, another shooting.

And you know what? They’re absolutely right. What if there’s a shooting at the show and no one can get to their phones? No one can open the save my life app.

“I can’t text my mother that I love her,” someone might say. How about you call the cops.

“Recordings have helped when finding suspects and offering actual footage of the crowd being shot up to news stations.” Well then maybe venues should fire their security and cities should fire their officers because the fans were there to do their job.

If people are worried about things like that, they should look into the venue’s security and safety procedures.

So in short, don’t bitch about not being able to use your phone during a concert. Learn to experience something without having to let your social media “friends” know. Enjoy entertainment you paid for yourself.



GETTY IMAGES

Yondr pouch at an event: Cell phones get bagged at comedy works.

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MAY THE FALCONS BE WITH YOU

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Cerritos College club members have a new goal to get involved and to spread campus pride as ASCC announced the Falcon Games will return for a fifth year.

This Falcon Games' theme this year will be "The Games Strikes Back," getting the idea from the fifth installment of the Star Wars series, "The Empire Strikes Back."

The Falcon Games consists of teams of three or four students who represent any of the various clubs on campus.

The teams will compete in different events within the three day period.

In addition, teams will have an opportunity of winning cash prizes for their clubs.

The games will be divided into three events or "episodes" that will occur on March 5-7:

- Episode I - Academic Decathlon
- Episode II - Physical Games
- Episode III - Video Games

"It's an important part of student life," Student Activities Coordinator Amna Jara said. "We want the clubs to have fun."

Jara also said that it was impressive the games expanded



Falcons Unite: ASCC President Karen Patron and ASCC Vice President David Ramirez discussing about the Falcon Games. Falcon Games will be returning to Cerritos College for a fifth year.

from a one day event of winning bragging rights to one of the biggest fund raisers for clubs on campus.

She then said that students are found to be more successful once they are involved with campus life.

"The games is also a chance for the clubs to connect," Kadie Gurley, iFalcon President and ICC representative, said.

Gurley stated that the games encourages students to learn more about Cerritos College and to meet others who share

the same passion or career choices.

She also expressed that the games have a greater significance to her and some of her colleagues as a good number of club representatives are in their final year at Cerritos College.

In addition to encouraging students in participating in the upcoming events, Jara spoke about Cerritos College's commencement.

Jara added, "We want students to stay focused on their education and keep going to

class.

"Just because it's their [students] last semester, doesn't mean that they can check out."

Available in Admissions and Records, students can sign a petition to have their name printed in the commencement program booklet.

The petition can also be utilized to help students who are wondering about their academic status and if they meet the requirements to receive their certification or diploma.

Jara said, "As a campus, we don't know that you're graduating unless you tell us.

"Even though a lot of students are going on and transferring, this is a milestone achievement.

"We do want to celebrate with you and it means a lot to the families."

Gurley said, "These are nice memories to show that you lived college to the fullest.

"It will remind students to continue to have fresh, new ideas and to keep making a difference."

Feb. 20 will be the last day to file a petition so names can be printed in the program booklet.

March 23 will be the last day to file a petition for the spring commencement.

Cerritos College's Commencement will be held on May 18 in the Falcon Stadium at 6 p.m.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP PATHWAY OFFERS STUDENTS RESOURCES TO SUCCEED IN MARKETPLACE

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Cerritos College has come up with a new Small Business Management and Entrepreneur Pathway to offer students skill sets needed to succeed in the marketplace.

With the help of business administration professors Derek Dokter and Wendy Wright.

Dokter and Wright applied for a grant together to fund the expansion of the small business program.

Wright said, "I was really blown away and impressed with the turn out.

"It's encouraging because there's been a lot of work put into trying to get this going."

Dokter explained that in the current state of a gig economy, which emphasizes independent and freelance work, entrepreneurship is specifically growing in the world.

People may have creative ideas, but might not know how to market them.

He added, "We thought we

could [create] a synergy for all of [the students] to learn the skill sets that are needed for small business owners and in entrepreneurship.

"This specific program is going to get you over that wall, that hump, whatever, it's going to make you feel like 'I can do it.'"

He assures that with the new pathway, Cerritos College will provide the confidence needed to be successful in the business world

Dokter also stated that the new pathway will build trust and rapport with customers.

As far as the attributes the program has to offer, the Entrepreneur Pathway consists of 24 units needed to get a certificate.

It also includes four essential business classes and four niche classes specific to the pathway.

"The entrepreneur mind-set is an avenue [that will] trickle through all those classes," he said.

Northwood University, one of the largest all-business universities in the United States, is another resource for students

interested in small business and entrepreneurship.

With the coexistence of Northwood University and pathway program, students can have a list of the exact classes needed to reach an ultimate goal.

"Eligible students can take Northwood University classes and Cerritos classes at the same time," said Judy Fox, program center manager for Northwood University located on campus.

"Once [students] have achieved 24 units, [they] are eligible to start taking [their] classes at Northwood as well, which has huge financial savings."

Classes are only eight weeks long and online classes are available.

Fox stated, "Students who have that fear about launching into their own entrepreneurial endeavor are among the majority.

"Almost every single entrepreneur who embarks on their own venture is fearful.

"Being able to have the educational credentials from a cer-



Young entrepreneurs: Derek Dokter explaining how new pathways can help students gain skill sets necessary for small businesses.

tificate, associates or bachelors degree gives them something to fall on.

"If their entrepreneurial endeavor doesn't work out, they still have the skills to be able to go into another area of the business world to earn a living."

According to surveys, 34 percent of Northwood University alum own part or all of their own businesses and turn a profit within 10 years of graduation, Fox stated.

Students get personal attention from their first meeting up

until graduation.

Wright hopes more students will participate in the future.

The Small Business Management and Entrepreneur Pathway program will have more workshops on March 22 and April 5.

WATCHING 'A FUTILE AND STUPID GESTURE' IS NOT AS THE TITLE IMPLIES

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It is safe to say that all of us have seen at least one National Lampoon flick be it a quick snip-it of "Animal House" on TV while channel surfing or a portion of Caddyshack that you vaguely remember watching.

"A Futile and Stupid Gesture" is a Netflix original that centers on the life of Doug Kenney, co-creator of those aforementioned raunchy movies which have now gained cult classic status.

The biopic opens up on an older Doug Kenney, played by Martin Mull, who also doubles as the narrator.

What really draws the viewer in is how the movie opens up documentary style with the

camera focused on Mull, who responds just as you would expect the co-founder of a raunchy satiric magazine to.

The flick tunes out into Kenney as a child in 1958 attending a funeral.

Which obviously turned out to be his brother's funeral, a fact you find out later then question why it was even included in the storyline anyways.

The movie then jumps into the late 60s, Kenney, this time portrayed by Will Forte, who somehow managed his way into Harvard.

While at swinging Harvard, Kenney writes for the Harvard Lampoon with his best friend, Henry Beard, played by Domhnall Gleeson, who looks nothing like the person he portrays, cough, cough, ginger!

By the way, good job makeup department.

It then comes time for the hair-hat clad eccentrics to decide what to do with their lives, Kenney smitten with the magazine life encourages pipe puffin Beard to create their own magazine.

The National Lampoon with no obvious correlation with the Harvard Lampoon was sent into production in 1970 with the help of fellow smart-ass renegades.

Unfortunately, the movie does not center heavily too much on the National Lampoon Magazine era, the creation of irreverent magazine covers and article concepts all being lobbed into a montage.

Familiar faces in current comedy can be seen throughout the movie impersonating

the "it" comedic actors of the 70s, such as Chevy Chase, Bill Murray, John Belushi and Gilda Radner.

Of course the actors look nothing like the comedians they are trying to portray and the wig work left much to be desired but it is a safe bet to place in saying that viewers will enjoy seeing their favorite comedic actors.

Which is all fine and dandy but if we are going to be given a man that is supposed to be serving Bill Murray for days then please, casting lady, give us as the kids say, Bill Murray "realness" not a pasty Jon Daly.

"A Futile and Stupid Gesture" is not a "Netflix and chill" feature, it is ever entertaining with never a dull moment.

The acting was industry standard, none of the cast members

should be expecting an Oscar for their role in this movie anytime soon.

The humor incorporated throughout the movie is pretty solid, which is really appreciated in a comedy movie, let me tell you.

Also, TITTIES. But I digress. After a series of successful comedy records, the magazine somehow lands a movie deal because the record deal wasn't explained enough as it is.

"Animal House" proved to be a success, mostly due to Kenney's writing and mostly due to titties, which a thank you is well overdue to those perky mammary glands which were quintessential in 70s and 80s comedies.

Another movie was demanded from National Lampoon and thus 1980's "Caddyshack" was

born.

And of course, with the 80s along came cocaine, a shit ton of cocaine.

Along with most successful writers in those days, Kenney turned to the nose candy.

Kenney found himself hooked, unable to function, pissed at the snickering gopher in Caddyshack and in a drug rehab facility in where he ultimately commits suicide.

Yes, you read right.

Fuck you, "A Futile and Stupid Gesture" writers, you toyed with our emotions.

Despite the unnecessary mindfuck of incorporating an older Kenney, this movie is entertaining and deserves at least an eyeball's worth of attention while the other one is focusing on the Instagrams.

FALCONS' 18-POINT WIN



CARLOS RUIZ

Back-to-back: No. 20 Jesenia Rendon dribbles the ball as she is being guarded by an L.A. Harbor defender. Cerritos College women's basketball program wins their second game in a row, with a final score of 77-59.

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The Cerritos College women's basketball team expands on their winning streak with a victory over Los Angeles Harbor College, the final score was 77-59.

Freshman guard No. 23 Jessica Gomez hopes the team's two-game winning streak continues because they want to make it to playoffs. She believes it's very possible if the team continues to play well.

Head coach Trisha Kozlowski was a little disappointed with the team's first half performance because of how many shots they were missing. "...we responded and that's kind of been one of the characteristics of this team, we always respond."

Sophomore, forward No. 15 Alexis Clark said the team started playing a lot better in the second half.

Clark said, "[It was] the five that [the coach] had on the floor when we were pressing, everybody was just on the same page and everybody was being consistent, that went on for like five minutes, so we were just on a run and that just triggered [the lead] and [we] kept going."

"We found something that works, we found that press that worked and we got some points off of our defense," said Kozlowski.

Previously beating LA Southwest on Jan. 24, Kozlowski praised the team's defense as well, along with how hard the players pressure their opponents when necessary.

Kozlowski said when the

team is playing good defense, it will always create good offensive looks.

Gomez hopes she can improve her game by fixing a variety of little things. She said, "I think I can improve by controlling my emotions and thinking with my head and [staying] focused."

Gomez also believes that by not being so hard on herself and just focusing on the next play, that would contribute significantly to her game.

Although, Gomez said, she wasn't very content with her shot against LA Harbor, she still feels like she performed well on the defensive end, but she knows she can do better. Clark played a big role in the win against LA Harbor. Clark began the game with a couple of missed layups and was frustrated. Going into

the second half her game picked up and she began scoring off of the opponent's offensive errors.

"Seeing [the ball] not go in, it frustrated me. I just focused on getting closer to the basket, jumping higher and finishing better," said Clark.



CARLOS RUIZ

Falcons win!: Freshman, Guard No. 23 Jessica Gomez dribbles the ball past the defender. Gomez aimed to try and open up the defense to get a open shot.

HEAD COACH OF SOFTBALL BREAKS RECORD WITH 503 WINS

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The Cerritos College softball team won their second home game of the season against Glendale 14-1, lasting only five innings.

This game was a very meaningful win for head coach Murray. As she has now surpassed former head coach Nancy Kelly's 502 wins.

Murray said, "Nancy Kelly is a pioneer of this sport, she is the reason why I even have the opportunity to break a record, or have a record."

She is a person who fought for equal rights back in the time when females were not really given the same [rights]. So, to beat Nancy Kelly's record is bittersweet [...] I'm so glad the field is named after her because her legacy is bigger than her 500 wins, her legacy is bigger than the games, it was the fight to have the programs that we have today."

Players from the team spoke on the record breaking win.

Freshman, Pitcher No. 20 Sierra Gerds said, "I think it's exciting, it's not often when stuff like that happens, so when your own coach breaks a record from the lady who's [name is] on the scoreboard, that's something big and I'm happy for her."

Freshman, Outfielder No. 23 Nicoal Magdaleno said, "She

really deserves it, she works so hard day in and day out for softball."

She's always trying to figure out a way to help us [...] I hope we keep breaking more records for her," said Magdaleno.

Sophomore, Infielder No. 33 Rain Vega says, "I'm pretty honored, because that's a big number--503. I think that's pretty cool that my name will be on that ball... we gave her a ball that said 503."

Vega continued, "When she looks back at it, years from now she'll remember that and I'll always remember that I was apart of this team and all these girls were apart of this team making it happen."

Although, the team stood their ground and won the game, Murray said there are always areas to improve on overall.

"We make a lot of mistakes and do a lot of things that aren't going to get us where we want to be at the end," said Murray.

She also said the team needs to improve on everything, hitting as well as their defense.

Murray stated, "Each game is separate, we're gonna get better... we're getting better little by little [...] We need to play more games--have more experience and move in that direction." [sic]

Vega felt she performed decent and there's definitely things she can improve on personally. Overall, Vega said that they did a great job of going out on the field

and getting it done, but there's a few "kinks" they need to iron out.

Vega is very confident and hopeful that the team will make conference.

She said, "The more we keep our energy up, making sure that we're playing for each other, rather than for ourselves [...]"

I know that we're gonna do plenty of things. We have the talent sitting right here," Vega said.

This being Vega's last season, she is hoping to take conference. "That would be a really cool way to go out," said Vega.

Magdaleno is proud of her

performance in her first time being the designated hitter.

Although, she was "pretty nervous," Magdaleno believes she did well as she went "2 for 4" and was very happy she hit a double.

Magdaleno, said she hopes to become the designated hitter. She hopes the team can continue to hit "bombs" in games like they do in practice.

The players and the coaching staff try to reach their highest capability each season.

Murray believes, "This team has all the potential in the world.



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Fine pitching: Freshman, Pitcher No. 20 Sierra Gerds pitching for Cerritos College. The Falcons won the game 14-1, beating their opponent Glendale College.

MEN'S BASKETBALL, WINS FIVE IN A ROW

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Falcons men's basketball team wins their fifth consecutive game by defeating L.A. Harbor College, with a final score of 77-64.

After beating their conference rival, they are now 4-0 in the South Coast Conference and they reside at the top spot in the conference.

Friday's game featured a lot of adversity.

The head coach for Cerritos College men's basketball, Russ May, didn't coach this game due to personal reasons, according to, assistant coaches and players.

He is said to be doing fine.

"We had some other distractions before the game, so [...] it took us a while to lock in, said Guard No. 12 Christian Alvis.

"Our bus didn't come--get us, so we had to all take our cars to the game," said Alvis.

After the game, in the hallway while interviews were being conducted, all the Falcons players were asked to leave out of the gym.

During that time, someone near by, presumably a Falcons player's family member stated loudly, "Dang! We can't even talk?" Followed by, "Y'all that mad? Damn. With all these 1960 ass trophies."

There was also an incident where a Cerritos player and an L.A. Harbor player met in the hallway and no, they were not complementing each other's game.

No. 1 Demetrius Thomas said, "One of their players and then one of our players were jawing at each other during the game--when we were going in the locker room, I guess tempers just flared and they were trying to fight [...]"

It started on the court and continued later, "... and they took the L, so some people get real mad and all it takes is--anything you say and then it just explodes."

During that heated exchange, Thomas told his team "We not bout [sic] to feed into this, if one of us gets in trouble [that player's] going to get suspended for a game or two, we don't need that, we need all our players."

There seemed to be some bad blood between the teams. Last time they met in 2017, Falcons' men's basketball beat L.A. Harbor by 26 points.

The next time these two teams meet will be on Feb. 14.

No. 21 Jonathan Guzman, said, "We have a huge target on our back, every since they think that we're spoiled [but]--we work for every thing we've done, we're not [19-4] for no reason."

This game was all tied up at 33-33 at halftime.

Assistant coach, Jordan Littlejohn said, "The second half we came out and played Falcon basketball, we did it the Falcon way."

They locked up a season high fourth straight double-digit win.

Cerritos College men's basketball team will play their next game versus Long Beach City College at home on Jan. 31, it will be the team's annual Coaches vs. Cancer game.