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To the DACA Recipients: College Psychologist of the Student Health and Wellness Center, Humberto Hernandez speaks to DREAMer students on how they can emotionally cope with the recent removal of DACA. There are plans to create a future Dream Resource Center where DREAMers can receive necessary information.

DACA REPEAL SHAKES CERRITOS

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Cerritos College held a meeting to discuss the impact students could face in light of the announcement made by the Justice Department revealing the reversal of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Attorney General Jeff Sessions made the notice on Sept. 5, shocking and devastating many DACA recipients. Sessions said that DACA would continue to be in effect for six months until March 5, 2018. A six month extension has been granted to allow Congress the time to propose

a new law or set of laws that would replace DACA. As of now, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services are no longer acceptance new application for DACA. The deadline was Sept. 5. However, applications to receive a two year renewal are still being accepted, but only until Oct. 5, 2017. Financial Aid Director Jamie Quiroz lead the meeting to advise concerned students to continue attending classes and working hard, and provided information about alternative policies to DACA. Quiroz reported that the number of DACA beneficiaries are not exact, but that there

are approximately 1,200 to 1,100 AB 540 students. The California Dream Act and AB 540 are two policies specific to California students that will continue to be in effect in the state in the absence of DACA. These policies will allow students to continue to attend their colleges, qualify for an exception from non-resident tuition fees and maintain their ability to apply for state financial aid. As a safe campus, the college maintains its support to student-focused relations that allow students to seek higher education regardless of their immigration status. Cerritos College President

Dr. Jose Fierro expressed his support through an email writing, “Cerritos College remains a safe campus to learn and thrive, adhering to the belief our diversity drives our student success. We stand with you and will continue to fight for the dream.” “I strongly encourage you to stay enrolled in school. If you are working, maintain your employment, and do not jeopardize your current status,” advised Fierro in the email. Cerritos’ AB 540 Taskforce also explained their future goal on how to be of better assistance to undocumented students through training. There are plans to create a

future Dream Resource Center where DREAMers can receive necessary information. In addition, a newsletter specifically directed to undocumented students to inform them of financial aid options, workshops and clubs was sent. After the information session, a support group was held to students who wanted to express their thoughts on the suspension of DACA. Cesar Hernandez, like many others who participated in the support group, admitted to feeling “troubled, disappointed and confused” about how the cancellation of DACA would affect them as well as other recipients of the program’s benefits.



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Recapping forum: President Jose Fierro discusses main points of the presentation in the Teleconference Center on Aug. 25.

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Since Hondas were seen parked in the empty lot during the summer, -- students, politicians and community members all have something different to say about Cerritos College transforming the former strawberry field to a storage facility for the Norm

Reeves car dealership. According to Dr. Jose Fierro’s President’s message, given on Aug. 6, the district will receive a monthly rent payment of \$35,500, which provides 20 times more revenue than Manassero Farms. Norm Reeves Honda will also make an annual contribution to the Cerritos College Foundation to support student scholarships.

SPLIT COMMUNITY VOICE OPINIONS AT PUBLIC FORUM

On Aug. 25, the college held a public forum -- inviting members of the community to voice their “concerns” to the administration. Dr. Elena Macias who lives in Cerritos and has retired from teaching in higher education, commented about the alleged lack of transparency about allocation of revenue from leasing the lot. Macias said, “I don’t know what percentage of those dollars are going to an endowment. It sounded like only the donation is going towards the endowment; it sounded like +\$400,000 is going into regular staffing, and that doesn’t make sense to me.” In the same crowd was one environmental activist Sarah Patricia Oeso who shared a different point of view after the forum -- saying that the “complaining” of the locals “shows

how privileged this community is.” Oeso went on to cite Vernon’s Excide issue, Paramount’s Chromium 6 issue, Torrance with its Tesoro and Excide issue, explaining that “they’re fighting all these serious environmental impacts that are killing our communities,” and not complaining about dust from a parking lot. She concluded her statement by saying that the residents are “probably completely unaware of much deadlier issues that these communities are going through.” To all the concerns of the community members, The Board of Trustees answered with proposed solutions in the Sept. 6 meeting. These include not allowing C.A.R. group to load and unload vehicles on or around campus, a layer of decomposed

granite will be employed to keep dust from sweeping up as vehicles drive over it, fence fabric will be applied, “installing or planting” yellow trumpet flower vines, “placing” 10 pear trees on 166th St., installing 17 silver-colored light fixtures. Lopez demonstrated that the parking lot lighting yields no impact, stating that the streetlights influence lighting to the adjacent area more. After that, Trustee Carmen Avalos said that the college serves 14 other cities; adding, “the reality is the revenue for that particular area is coming back to the community in terms of keeping lighting on to provide access to students.” The city of Cerritos will have a council meeting on Monday Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. that will likely address the concerns of the residents regarding the changes to the lot.

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TRUMP REPEALS OBAMA’S MESS

On June 2017, Attorney General of Texas Ken Paxton sent a memorandum to Jeff Sessions along with 10 other Attorney General signatures. The memorandum, simply put, threatens the Trump administration to either “phase out” Obama’s unconstitutional Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by Sept. 5, 2017 or face a lawsuit. On the due date, Trump tweeted not only announcing the end of DACA but giving Congress six months to come up with a legal immigration law for the DREAMers. To help the DREAMers with legalizing their immigration status we must find out who their representatives are and contact them, voicing our support for the DREAMers. Barack Obama’s lengthy Facebook post called the repeal “cruel” and not “required legally.” Bernie Sander’s tweeted

describing the decision as “the ugliest and most cruel decision.” Obama made an unconstitutional executive order when he signed DACA in July of 2012 -- unconstitutional because immigration laws are to be passed by Congress. Obama’s care for the DREAMers clearly didn’t go far enough to make Congress do something about DACA in terms of legalizing it. DACA, from it’s inception, was a fragile balloon of hope for the DREAMers because it wasn’t founded properly. With a Republican president in office and the majority of seats in both the House and Senate being republican, DACA did not stand a chance. Paxton -- indicted for security fraud by a Texas grand jury in 2015 and scheduled for a court date in December 2017 -- hasn’t really been called cruel for stirring up the repeal in the first place, let

alone the other 10 attorney generals. Trump’s decision, though it may seem like it adds to his long list of hatred-based actions towards Latino people and immigrants (undocumented or otherwise), has also called Congress to do something about the immigration law. A call-to-action has been proposed by the masses to contact their representatives and voice their opinions, but we’ve recently seen how well Congress works when passing bills. The best thing to do for the DREAMers is to try and fully understand how this limbo-state that DACA is in affects them. The two most important things to know is that current active DACA recipients will not have their permits removed and current expired recipients who have submitted renewal applications are

being accepted and reviewed without Trump’s repeal affecting the acceptance or rejection of the application. Those whose permits expire by March 5 must submit their renewal application before Oct. 5 to be reviewed. New submissions, as of Sept. 5, are being ultimately rejected. If Congress fails to pass an immigration law within Trump’s generous six-month delay, deportation is the next step for those who are not protected by DACA. More than 400 corporate giant CEO’s, such as Apple and Google, have signed the letter which states, “DREAMers are vital to the future of our companies and our economies.” It’s evident that the 800,000 recipients of DACA, for all intents and purposes, are American. No one actually takes advantage of the opportunity



JAKE KOEPPEL

that Uncle Sam has told us from birth that whatever you’re born into doesn’t determine your future the way the DREAMers do. Obama was wrong to leave the DACA order unprotected. Trump was wrong to allow himself to be grabbed by the pussy by Ken Paxton and the other 10 Attorney Generals to repeal the program that helped human beings. Obama failed to protect the DACA program because it was Congress who was supposed to help out the Americans people.

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LOVE & SEX

COMMUNIST FORNICATION MANIFESTO

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For some time now, the communist publication, Workers Vanguard has been on campus spreading pamphlets and taking subscriptions. What the Vanguard sees is a staunch lack of a communist-themed love and sex column to inform you on how communists can connect -- and in supplement of that, here is an article highlighting some guidelines for how to be a good comrade in bed. I have seen many a beatnik sporting a plain black T-shirt that has the word “sapiosexual” printed on it. All you “sapiosexual” hipsters need to quit it with the liking to debate about serious global issues for fun, as a form of foreplay or as a criterion for someone to be involved with you. Here is what you sound like: “I sure do love having political debates; this is my hobby; it’s so intellectually stimulating; none of these issues affect my well-being; it’s literally just a game to me; the worst thing that has ever happened to me in my life was when someone made an ad hominem attack on my argument.”

Wearing such a shirt is a form of intellectual elitism -- and any kind of elitism defeats the point of communism, impeding the possibility for peace. Just because you got “most likely to succeed” superlative for your charter school eighth grade yearbook, you are not any more worthwhile than a person with special needs. Here’s another pro tip: The only ethical consumption under capitalism is felatio. When having intercourse or committing to a less involved sex act, of course consent is important: but you don’t need to kill the vibe to ask if your partner or partners “feel safe” with whatever you are inflicting on them. Leftists need to quit with this “feeling safe” bull. If you are inside your partner and you can’t tell if they are uncomfortable, you might be a sociopath. There is a sexy way of asking for permission to do whatever nasty thing you are trying to do; the easiest way to be both Democratic and suave about this matter is whispering in their ear: “you like that shit,” in your best chunti voice. Another way, though you have to commit to it more, is saying something along the

lines of “you want this (sex organ)?” Or you can rephrase that in the form of a statement, “I want to (sex act) with you.” Their reaction will tell you if you should move forward. Remember, orgasms are only good if everyone gets them -- you get extra points if you choreograph your orgasms to happen in sync. A lady doesn’t kiss and tell. Make sure that your partner(s) are comfortable with you talking about your mutual sexual experiences as a form of courtesy. Do what you can to allow your partner(s) be as comfortable as possible. That includes using any form of protection that they request; if condoms aren’t your thing, you can kindly go entertain someone else. Socialized condoms are available at any time for you to pick up from the Health and Wellness Center on campus (it’s one of the only things they are good for). Sex work is 100% kosher with communism, especially anarcho-communism. Do not exploit people. Lastly, here is a rule of thumb: revolutionary change can only ever come from bottoming (bottom up).

EASTERN TOTALITARIANISM
UNCRIQUED BY LEFTISTS

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The left has become increasingly annoying with its anti-war rhetoric, that it has for a long time now morphed into masochism and self-hatred. Whenever the United States (and the West in general) speaks boldly against dictatorships around the world, the cries of supposed humanitarians begin to ring out and accuse the United States of being imperialist, without knowing what the word actually implicates. Many seem to be pacifist only when it comes to wars and tough talk engaged by the West, but for any other country such as the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) they’ll spit out their cheap propaganda that one side is just as bad as the other and will only spout their disapproval towards the U.S. The fraudulent pacifists who do this don’t understand the distinction between imperialism and interventionism. If war with the DPRK ever breaks out, which is highly probable right now -- it will not be under ideals of impe-

rialism, but instead under the ideals of interventionism. Intervening and stopping their thirst of nuclear power and gardening enough to threaten any country in the world; or stopping them from making a smarter move, which is selling it to our enemies. Similar things can be said about the Islamic Fascists known as ISIS, who don’t recognize certain borders such as Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and other Middle Eastern borders. They believe these to be barriers that ought to be broken down and come together under one theoretic rule; known as the Caliphate; which they’ll do by force. Does that not sound familiar? It should, because it is imperialism and done so in the Islamic form; but are the cries and moaning of the pacifists loud enough to be heard to scorch the ears? Of course not. When one points out this hypocrisy, they’ll start playing their intellectual strategy of capitulation, begin to deflect and in some form or fashion bring the conversation to past Western imperialism. A lazy form of moral and cultural relativism has crept

into the left’s rhetoric and has made its stay. The pacifists will look at all cultures as equally good, but refuse to look at all cultures as equally reprehensible. True liberalism will look at the atrocities of certain Middle Eastern governments and the DPRK and would want nothing more than to stop it and bring the same rights that you have to its citizens, bringing it to a diverse group of people. What liberalism doesn’t do is look at those atrocities, shrug its shoulders and pretend as if our country does the same thing or does it in the same degree. The concept of equality seems to diminish when it comes to non-western countries. Stop deflecting and making excuses for totalitarianism and dictatorships. You can critique our current administration while simultaneously criticizing outside regimes. It’s not difficult ladies and gentlemen; it is however difficult if you despise Western democracy.

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ART GALLERY
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Embroidery on quilts or photographs, large paintings, blends of different media and photography consist of some of the works currently in the art gallery this semester.

The gallery, which opened on Sept. 7 as part of the 4th Los Angeles SUR:biennial, titled ‘DisPlaced: Reconstituted Memories & Unsituated Bodies,’ is displaying works by various artists such as Michael Alvarez, Julia O. Bianco and Sheila Garret Rodriguez.

The gallery is located in room 107 in the Fine Arts building and opens at 11 a.m.

The pieces currently on display will remain in the gallery until Sept. 13.

Ecos de Huesos Ramas de Familia (Echoes of Bones, Branches of Family) by Consuelo Flores consists of family photographs, bones, flowers and branches. It is located in a window display outside the gallery.

Alex Rojas, journalism major, explained what drew him into the gallery, “It looked appealing to my eyes, all the art in here.”

His favorite piece was Vuelos (Flights) by Julia O. Bianco, a piece that consists of two projectors displaying the sea on the floor, the sky on the wall and rocks held up at different heights by ropes tied around them.

He says he has never been to an art gallery opening at Cerritos College, except in Los Angeles.

Alexis De La Rosa, theater major, said that curiosity made him come into the gallery, because, “There’s a lot of beauty. Each artist has something that makes people want to see their masterpiece.”

De La Rosa also chose Vuelos (Flights) as his favorite piece in the gallery, “I don’t know what it’s supposed to be, but the way each (rock) has a different weight feels like it’s trying to tell a story.”

The art gallery is also handing out stamp cards to anyone who comes to visit the venue.

The stamp cards are to encourage students to visit the art gallery at Cerritos College and six other venues, including other colleges.

Students will get a stamp on the card for each venue they visit.

Once students collect at least six stamps out of the seven possible they will receive a free SUR:biennial brand tote bag.

The locations of all the other art galleries involved and the dates they will be open are all on the stamp card provided.



SCARLED MURILLO

Club night: UMOJA Success Program members Jayda McNeal on the left and Tatiana Gray with counselor Shelia Hill on club info night. The clubs varied from a wide range of topics such as art appreciation to Chicano/Latinos for community medicine, and so on.

CLUBS GATHER AT SQUARE

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Cerritos College had its bi-annual club info day and night on Sept. 6 and 7.

This is an event consisting of the clubs at Cerritos College, club members and advisers.

The clubs set up booths near the bookstore and informed students about the clubs that the school has to offer.

The members and advisers dedicated three hours of their time to both days.

The Gender Equality Club Adviser Pauline Acosta said

the club focuses on “race, class, gender and sexuality,” among other social topics.

Acosta also mentioned that the club currently has “more male members” than female members.

She said that the club was able to acquire donated menstrual products last semester and they gave them away to students for free.

The club is hoping to make the menstrual products drive an annual event starting next semester.

Another club in attendance was the Hope Love Peace and Positivity Club.

Their message is to spread those elements throughout the entire campus as they “hope to get the community involved,” says Kodi Okafor, a

biology major who was working the HLP booth.

Okafor also said they have “free hug days,” in which members of the club set up a booth on campus and give people free hugs.

Most clubs received about 20-30 new signatures of students interested throughout that night.

Karina Castanon, art club president, said that her club received 30 new sign ups that night and hoped for more.

The art club was offering caricature drawings for a small donation to help fund their program.

All drawings were created by members in the club. They meet every Monday at 4 p.m.

Another club that received a lot of interest was the Umo-

ja Success Program.

According to member Jayda McNeal, Umoja means “unity” in Swahili.

McNeal also said that so many people were interested in the program that they needed to move into a larger room for their meetings.

Now they meet every first Tuesday of the month in the Teleconference Center from 11 to noon.

This event was ran and organized by Student Activities Coordinator Amna Jara.

Jara enforced a new method of having more people interact with multiple clubs as a way of receiving a free meal provided from the culinary arts department.

The culinary department had many students working

on food and passing them out to people that got their card punched.

Multiple students had various opinions on the taco, rice and beans meal the Culinary Arts program provided.

Some enjoyed it, such as Teresa Magana, dance major, and some thought the beans were salty, including International Business major Carlos Diaz-Soto.

Jara created a punch card system that needed to be stamped by at least three different clubs and then brought back to the ASCC table to receive a ticket to obtain their meal.

Jara said that she is really happy with this new system and plans on using it again for future events.

CREEPY CLOWN HITS THE BIG SCREEN

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“It” is one of the best horror films of the year. You don’t want to miss this movie, which will leave you haunted for days.

Another Stephen King novel comes to life and hits the big screen this weekend with a not-so-friendly clown.

Pennywise the clown, played by Bill Skarsgård, torments the children of Derry, Maine and brings their biggest nightmares to reality.

Skarsgård’s role doesn’t start as frightening when approaching his prey, because he lures the kids with toys or balloons.

Beside the horror element in the movie, the sudden humor makes the movie more entertaining when forgetting about the creepy clown.

Other stars of the film besides Pennywise, are a group of unpopular and nerdy kids who

deal with bullying and family issues but are always on adventures and are incredibly loyal to each other. The kids are:

- Eddie, played by Jack Dylan Grazer, is a ‘mama’s boy’
- Richie played by Finn Wolfhard, is always humorous
- Stanley played by Wyatt Oleff, is the most frightened of the group
- Bill played by Jaeden Lieberher, is the serious one

Bill has a stutter he can’t control and is still grieving from a recent family tragedy from his little brother Georgie’s death, played by Jackson Robert Scott, which happened at the beginning and set the tone for the rest of the movie.

Bill does not know his little brother is dead; he only assumes he is missing.

It’s the end of the school year in 1988 and they are ready to start their summer activities

but what they don’t know, besides dealing with obnoxious bullies, is that they have to deal with a horrifying clown hunting them down.

The head of the group of bullies is Henry, played by Nicholas Hamilton, who attempts to carve his name into the stomach of the new kid in school Ben, played by Jeremy Ray Taylor. Ben is saved by Bill and ends up joining his group.

Beverly, played by Sophia Lillis, is the only girl that joins the group, who is also bullied at school and is living a nightmare at home with her incestuous single dad.

Another kid that joins the group is Mike, played by Chosen Jacobs, is home-schooled and lives with his uncle in a sheep farm in town.

The kids discover that ‘It’ is an old circus clown, with red stripes coming from his eyes down his mouth in the form of bleeding tears. The clown lives in the town’s sewers and



JOSE FLORES

comes out every 27 years to feast on new innocent children and appears to his victims with free-floating red balloons.

The appearance of the clown is based on fear of each kid. Once the group finds out what Pennywise is up to, they want to stop it once and for all.

Bill is courageous and determined to go through anything to find his brother so the group looks for his brother and ends the clown’s torment.

Despite the terrifying scenes of the killer clown and the dev-

astating family loss, the movie had a good sense of humor by showing the nerdy and “loser” side of each of the characters in the group.

The jokes they made during the bad circumstances which made it easy to forget about the clown hunting them down.

Although the ending is not what I imagined, the movie did fulfill my expectations that were set.

Either way I suggest you stay until the end... a surprise awaits you.

FALCONS WRESTLE TO VICTORY

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The Falcon's wrestling team come out with victories in the very first competition of the season on Saturday, with a score of 3-0.

Walking into the Bakerfield's dual, the team faced off three schools:

- Bakerfield College
- West Hills College
- Moorpark College

The Falcon's first opponent was Bakersfield, which got the team a strong start.

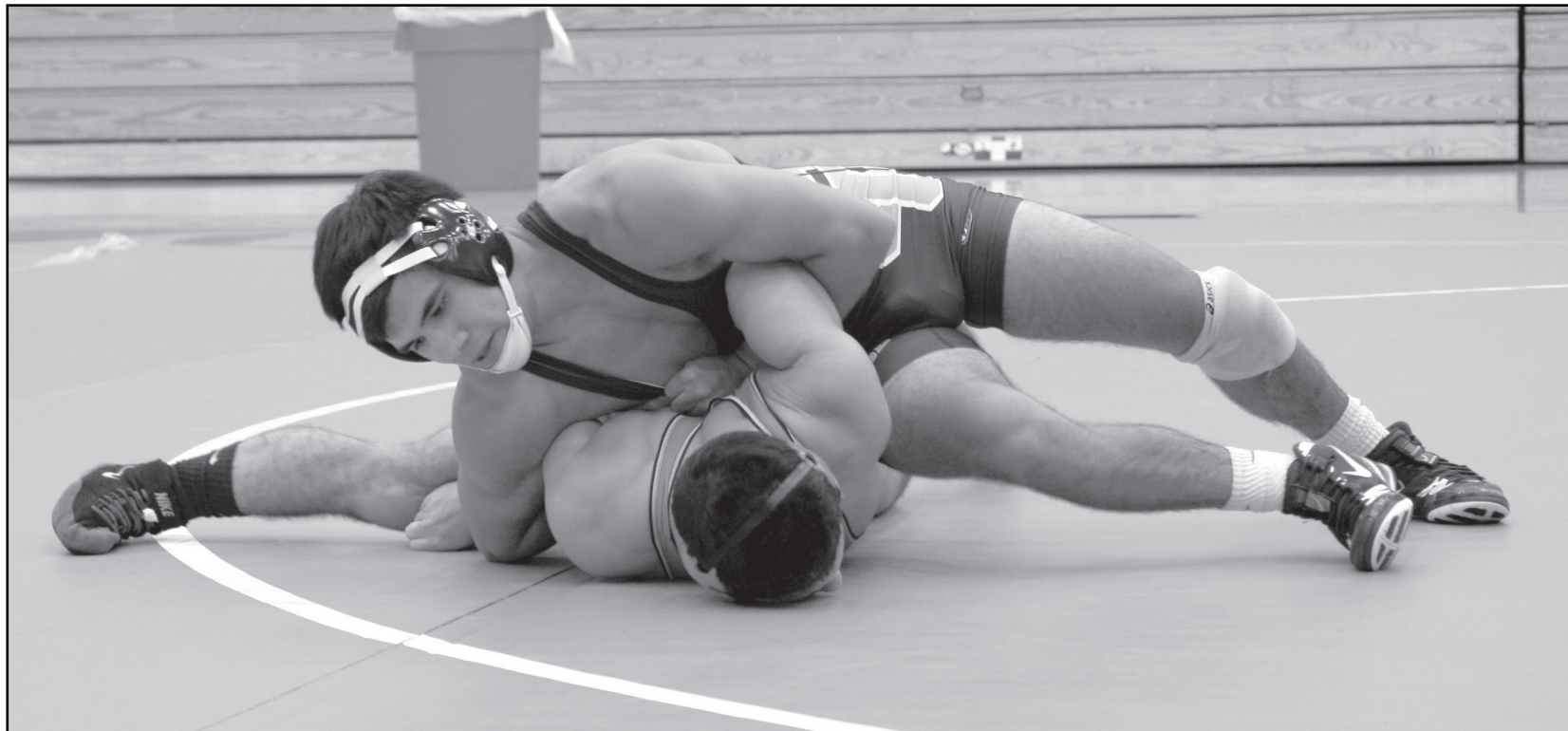
They finished off Bakersfield with a score of 33-20.

Two wins came out of a forfeit and a pin.

The team then went up against West Hills, defeating them with a score of 28-15.

The 141-pound freshman, Nicholas Camacho, debuted his college event and beat his opponent with a score of 17-8.

"I was really nervous and really excited at the same time because it was a whole new level and I didn't know what



DAVID JENKINS

Victorious Falcons: Falcons wrestled against three schools, Bakersfield College, West Hills College and Moorpark College, on Sept. 2 and won 3-0. 175 pound sophomore Blake Vasquez wrestles Bakersfield opponent and wins by forfeit.

to expect," Camacho said.

Camacho graduated from Paramount High School and has a wrestling background there.

This is his first college competition, where he came out on top and was able to dominate in his matches.

"Being in college the level

is completely different. I knew whoever I was going to face wasn't going to be someone I can just rag-doll around. Everyone is going to be tough.

"The guys are much stronger. Usually in high school you had variations of weak and strong guys, but here everyone is stronger," Camacho

said.

The returning 157-pound sophomore, Wyatt Gerl, won all of his matches at the dual.

During his bout against one of the wrestlers from West Hills, he defeated his opponent with an 8-1 win.

Gerl was confident walking into the Bakersfield's dual,

saying, "These guys [his opponents] aren't the people that are at the top four or five in the state so I was expecting to run through them very easy.

"The West Hill guy kind of gave me a little trouble, but I was never in danger of losing the match. I did what I expected to do," he said.

Wrestling Head Coach Donny Garriott sees these first events as stepping stones to work on and look forward to the state championships.

Garriott said "We went 3-0 so I can't say that it was bad. Like I say all the time, these early events are just for us to get matches so we can see what we have.

"Seeing them in practice and seeing them in real competition are two different things. We all took notes on things that we were doing well as a group and things that individuals were doing."

The Falcons' wrestling team is known for going to the state championships every year.

Garriott and his teammates are looking forward to it, as they do every year, however, that won't be until December.

Until then, they have many duels and tournaments ahead of them, both as a team and as individuals.

The next duals will take place Sept. 16 at Mt. San Antonio College at 9 a.m.



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Losing Streak: Women's volleyball played Irvine Valley on Sept. 6 and finished with a continuation of their losing streak. "Irvine Valley is a really big physical team," says coach Kari Pestolesi.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STRUGGLED AGAINST IRVINE VALLEY

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Cerritos College Falcon's volleyball team faced Irvine Valley College on Sept. 6 and came out losing all three sets.

During the first set, the Falcons came short of 10 points, ending the set 25-15.

The second set ended 25-10 and the third was a repeat of the second set ending with the same score 25-10.

"We were just over-matched," Kari Pestolesi, head coach of the volleyball team said.

She continued, "Irvine Valley is a really big physical team. They have a ton of experienced players -- it was very obvious."

Coach Pestolesi men-

tioned Irvine Valley might have a chance to go onto the state championships this year.

Sophomore Daisy Segura echoed the same sentiments her coach did about the size of their opponents.

"I liked playing against them [...] they were a taller team, bigger stature [and] more experienced. They looked like the typical volleyball player" she said.

Segura believed that their offense was a bit of struggle in their match against Irvine Valley.

She said, "We couldn't get the ball over and score a point. The defense were okay."

She critiqued herself by saying how she can do better in the next match, "Some

things I would like to work on as a libero would be getting the setter off the net. I pass my balls a little too tightly and she's not a six-foot setter so I need to pass it off."

Segura said that her serving can get better and that at practice she does better when serving but in games she said they're "weak."

The Falcons are going through the season with a current record of 0-5, upon their latest loss.

Their next game will be at home against Riverside at 5 p.m. on Sept. 13.

Riverside's volleyball team will be walking into Falcon territory of a record of 3-2. Will the Falcons make that 3-3 and pick up their first victory?

KYRIE IRVING TRADED FOR ISAIAH THOMAS

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The Cleveland Cavaliers sent Kyrie Irving to the Boston Celtics in exchange for Isaiah Thomas, Jae Crowder and Ante Zizic.

This is Brooklyn's 2018 first round pick and a future second-round pick from the Miami Heat for the year 2020.

The Boston Celtics held an introductory press conference last Friday welcoming Kyrie Irving (acquired via trade) and Gordon Hayward (acquired via sign-and-trade earlier during the summer as a free agent).

During the press conference, Kyrie shed some light as to why he wanted to be traded -- explaining that it was his time to do "what was best for him," being in an environment that is "conducive" for his potential.

Many believe that Kyrie wanted out of Cleveland because he no longer wanted to play alongside four-time NBA MVP LeBron James. Jalen Rose, a former NBA player and member of the controversial college squad know as the "Fab Five," said during his show "Jalen & Jacoby" that Kyrie "doesn't want to be in LeBron James' shadow anymore."

The narrative that almost gets lost in all of this is with Isaiah Thomas.

When the Celtics traded the #1 overall pick in this past draft, foregoing the opportunity to select the con-

sensus number one overall pick, Markelle Fultz, who plays the same position as Isaiah or "IT" as he is often referred to the collective minds of the NBA world, thought that meant the Celtics were going to be committed to a guy that was headed into a contract year seeking max money.

Jonathan, kinesiology major, said, "I'm a Cavs fan, so I was upset when I found out that [Kyrie] wanted to be traded. He wanted to be a star.

"When I found out we got Isaiah [Thomas], I was like 'cool.' I was happy we got him. I'm pretty sure LeBron will make Isaiah ten times better than he already is."

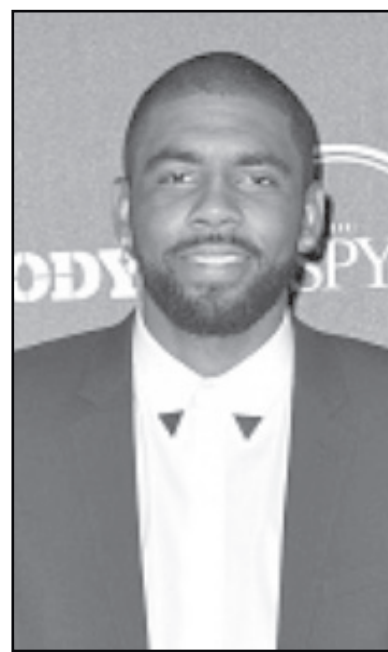
Dion Griffin, biology major, believes it was a good trade. He says, "Kyrie did what was best for him. At the end of the day Kyrie is going to do what's best for him. He's still in the NBA."

The blockbuster trade that is sure to shake up the NBA once the upcoming season starts on Oct. 17 was completed last Thursday.

The trade had to be completed by Thursday's trade deadline at 10 A.M. per league rules or else the two involving teams would have had to elect to extend the time and rework the deal.

They mutually agreed upon terms prior to the trade deadline that swapped the teams starting point guards.

The inclusion of an additional trade asset by the Celtics was incumbent upon the organization to do so to



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complete the deal due to the Cavaliers request of an additional sweetener after the physical of Isaiah Thomas conducted by the Cavs did not look so appealing.

The Celtics obliged and added a future second-round pick to complete the deal.

Since Kyrie Irving told the owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers this summer that he wanted to be traded and it was made public shortly thereafter, the collective fans and NBA affiliates have held their breath waiting to see if a trade would be made, with whom it would be made and a myriad of other questions while in some sort of limbo.

Now that the trade is finalized, most fans cannot wait to see the ironically scheduled match-up on the first day of the season between the Cavaliers and Celtics, everyone hopeful that Isaiah Thomas' injury does not keep him out of that game that has so many narratives in one game.