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## New look parking procedures unveiled for fall

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With a new look and a new system, Cerritos College is changing the way students and faculty adapt to parking.

Effective as of this semester, Cerritos College parking permits will no longer come in the form of mirror hangers. Instead, permits will now come in the form of decals that can be placed on the inside of a

car windshield.

The decals are square with a reflective design with a picture of the Cerritos College library in the background and can be placed anywhere on the windshield. The change was made possible thanks to the cooperation from Credentials Solutions, a company that provides transcripts to Cerritos, according to Cerritos College Chief of police Richard Bukowiecki.

According to Bukowiecki, one of the main reasons for the change

was to increase convenience.

"We were trying to make a more convenient way for the students to get their permits if they wanted to order them online," Bukowiecki said.

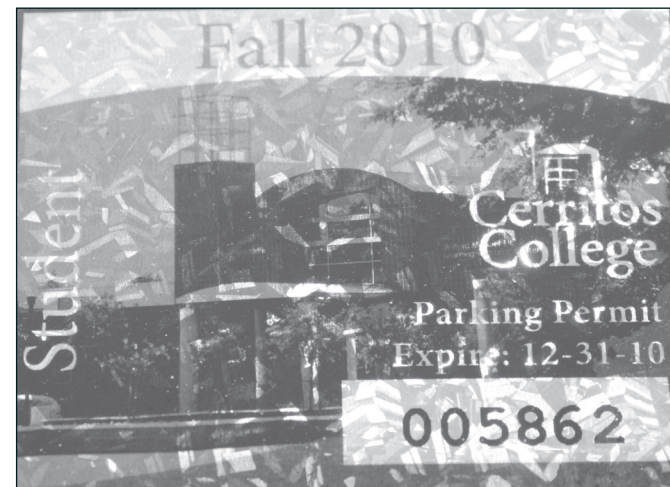
Bukowiecki went on to mention that the change also lessens the workload for campus police as well as for the admissions office.

"It's cost-effective in that admissions and records don't have to utilize a lot of manpower to mail out the permits," Bukowiecki said. Due

to the number of tasks his dispatcher had to complete, it would become tedious to add issuing permits to the list of things to do with the previous system.

"It's inefficient in that we might sell a permit one day and it might not get into the system for five to seven days," Bukowiecki said, "and when you have a student that buys a permit, and then two days later realizes he can't get into his class, he wants a refund."

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**Sign of the times:** New parking passes are being used for the fall semester at Cerritos College. For the first time, students can purchase parking permits online by going to [www.cerritos.edu](http://www.cerritos.edu).

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### BOOK RENTAL PROGRAM STIRS LARGE CROWDS



VICTOR DIAZ/TM

**Patience Pending:** Students line-up outside of the Cerritos College bookstore during the first week of the fall semester. The book rental program drew crowds that resulted in hour-and-a-half wait times.

## Bookstore fills to capacity

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Cerritos College students will be able to rent textbooks from the Cerritos College bookstore for the first time in the school's history starting this semester. During the first week of classes students took advantage of this new program, causing hour long wait times.

The rental program has been put into place for students who can't afford the cost of a new or used textbook.

The rental program comes to Cerritos College through the services of Rent-A-Text, a company that brings rentable textbooks to more than 800 bookstores around the country.

With the addition of this new program, students can save up to 50 percent on their textbooks. Nadia James, an employee at the bookstore and former Cerritos student, likes the idea of rental textbooks. "It gives a better opportunity for people to actually pay for their books without really having to worry all that much about finances."

"I guess the only worry would be that people don't return the books on time because then the fees get really outrageous."

She added, "I just kind of wish that it was

for more books."

But what is the student response to the new program?

Andres Alegria, an employee at the bookstore and current student at Cerritos majoring in Graphic Design, said, "I would say maybe 50 percent are interested [in book rentals]."

The bookstore allows students to rent textbooks that are eligible. Students can hand their books back to Cerritos College at the end of the semester. Of the 1,300 textbooks available at the bookstore, roughly 300 are available as rentals and Cerritos plans to expand that number every semester.

The policy allows students a limited

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## Bill guarantees CSU admission

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With the Cerritos College fall semester just four days away the California State Assembly Committee on Appropriations unanimously voted to approve the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act, Senate Bill 1440.

If the initiative passes and is signed into law it will give community college students a streamlined process of transferring to a California State University by fall 2011.

"If this bill passes we are going to be able to get more students through the system," said Cerritos College Transfer Counselor Marvelina Barcelo. "It is still unclear how it will help, it might just reinforce our partnership with Dominguez Hills."

"But if it opens the doors to Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State, it would really help," Barcelo said.

As of now each of the 112 community colleges have its own independent requirements for graduating and each of the CSU campuses determine the prerequisites for accepting community college transfer students.

SB 1440 will change both systems by establishing a system that guarantees acceptance to transfer students with a 2.0 GPA while giving them junior status and an associates degree.

"It is good for future students, but personally it's too little too late for me, if this bill would have been in effect a year ago. I wouldn't have to take a whole semester off. But it is a step in the right direction," said Rick Gomez, a former Cerritos College student who has been forced to

wait until spring to transfer.

Many students like Gomez have believed that the Cal State system is easier to enter, but Barcelo insists, that is not always the case. "Currently it is actually more difficult to get into Cal States than UCs."

The bill, authored by Senator Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima), is strongly supported by the California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott and California State University Chancellor Charles Reed.

"Students attending our colleges often express concerns about the complex and confusing transfer process," said Chancellor Scott. "This transfer initiative will put an end to the confusion and serve as a student passport to the California State University system."

During the hearing the California Department of Finance estimated the transfer changes will generate approximately \$75 million in cost savings annually for the California Community Colleges and \$85 million for the CSU system.

The bill has not seen opposition in the Legislature. It was approved by the California State Senate in a 35-0 vote June 1, and by the Assembly Higher Education Committee in a 9-0 vote on June 22.

Students like Paola Guerrero, who is currently enrolled in the pharmacist program at Cerritos, is happy to see such a bill near passing. "I think it is awesome. Now I won't have to break my head with applications or wait to see if a four-year accepts me."

The bill will now head to the Assembly where it will be heard before Aug. 31 and is expected to go to the governor's desk to sign into law in September.

## California State University approves 5 percent fee hike for undergrads

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The California State University Board of Trustees announced a 5 percent fee increase for undergraduate and graduate education programs on June 18, and another possible fee hike to be discussed in November.

CSU full-time undergraduate students will now pay \$4,230 in tuition fees effective this fall, an additional \$204 annually.

The \$50 million the fee increase is expected to generate will allow for more class offerings, according to a June 18 CSU press release.

"This is a disaster of historic proportions," claims Scott Lay, president and chief executive officer of the Community College League of California.

Lay predicts community college students will also pay the price for this fee hike as university students fill community college classrooms to complete required coursework at a more affordable cost—a dilemma Lay says the state is not prepared to face.

"[Higher education advocates] have been talking about this historic enrollment bubble for a decade, but we utterly failed in ensuring adequate resources were there to serve California's students."

Cerritos College President Linda Lacy confirms that aside from CSU students enrolling in courses at the college, current students are prolonging their stay to avoid paying higher fees at California universities.

"I had a conversation with one of our faculty members and he indicated he has a student who had been accepted to (UC) Berkeley and (CSU) Fullerton, but is in the (Cerritos College) class due

to the lower cost," Lacy noted.

CSU Dominguez Hills Business Accounting major and former Cerritos College student, Angeline Escobedo, is unsure of the impact the fee increase will have on her enrollment.

"A higher fee will affect my parents who pay for my tuition, and I'm not currently receiving financial aid."

Escobedo admits having taken extra time to complete additional courses at Cerritos before transferring.

"I took classes at community college due to the

2001  
\$1,428

2005  
\$2,520

2009  
\$4,026

\*2012  
\$4,429

Average undergraduate basic student fee in dollars.

\*Projected fee in 2012  
Source: California State University

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ALENDAR

EVENT

- AUGUST
- 26
- First Inter Club Council meeting will be held in BK111/112 at 11:00 a.m.
- Scholarship workshop held in BE 2 from 2-3 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER
- 1
- Club Information Day at Falcon Square 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 8
- ASCC Senate elections begin
- 9
- Homecoming kick-off luncheon 11:00 a.m.
- 13
- Homecoming applications available at 8:30 a.m.
- 29
- Homecoming court elections begin
- 30
- Homecoming court elections end

# Burgers, music welcome students

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Cerritos College kicked off the 2010 fall semester with Welcome Night on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 5 p.m., and Welcome Day Thursday Aug. 19 at 11 a.m.

While students gathered around Falcon Square to wait in line to receive their free burgers, chips, and soda provided by In-N-Out, other students mingled to the beat of the music by a local DJ.

In order to receive the free burgers, students had to obtain a student ID with a fall semester sticker and all ASCC fees must be paid.

Garry Cain, coordinator of Judicial Affairs, participated in the Welcome back festivities. “The students seem to be really appreciative of what ASCC is doing and they also recognize that the dollars that they spend on their fees bring some special little perks for students who have their ID cards,” Cain said.

Cain goes on to say, “This is a campus I believe that is very student oriented, student friendly and we try to have as many activities like this to show the student that we really do care about them,”

But not all students were satisfied with ASCC’s set-up like political science major Veronica Leon.

“They make me get a sticker and I don’t like it. It’s a hassle because you have to wait in line to get the sticker and then wait in line to get the In-N-Out, they (ASCC) should multitask,” Leon said.

For some students, it may be hard to make time, due to their busy class schedules.

After three years of attending Cerritos, undecided major Olivia Perez was finally able to get her free burger.

“This is my first time because I actually have an hour gap in between my classes to get my In-N-Out,” she said.

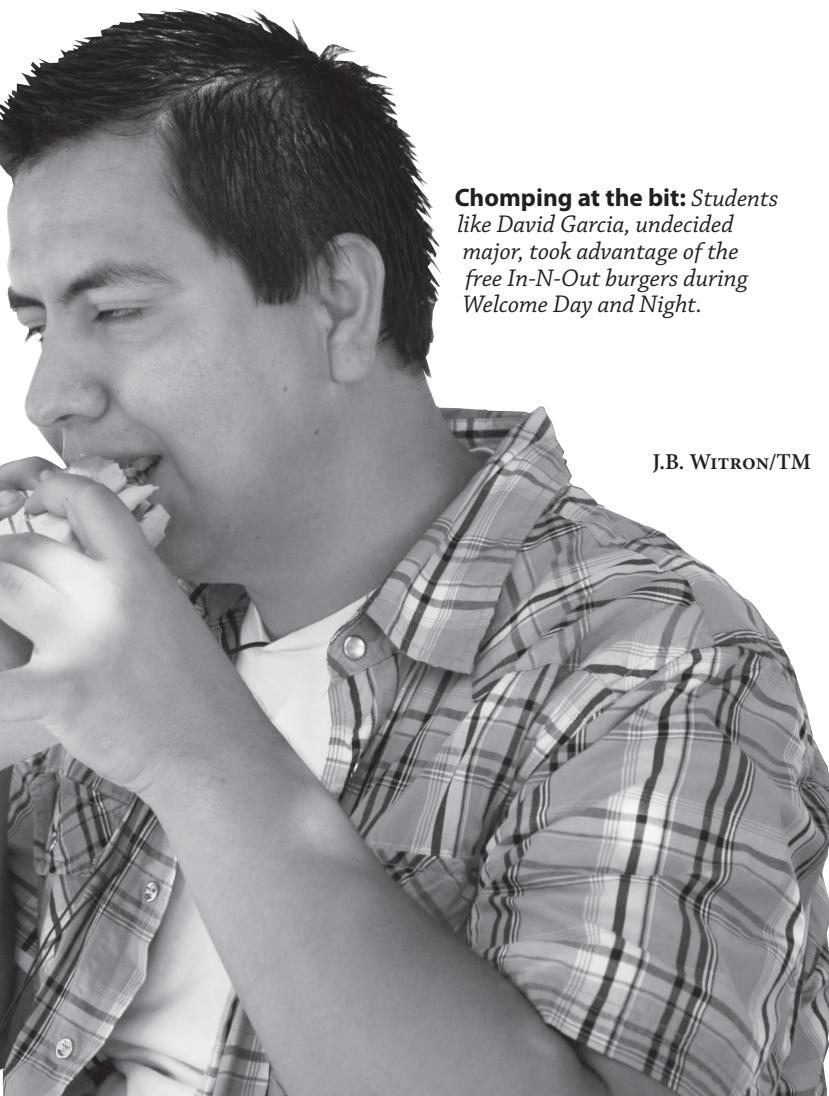
Aside from free burgers and music, there were several student service booths along Falcon Square to show the students what Cerritos has to offer.

Booths such as EOPS, Career Services, Library Aid, and School relations were available to help direct, guide, and answer any question that needed to be answered for students asking about the various programs.

Rose Vasquez, a worker for Career Services was at the outreach table Tuesday.

“We mainly want to let students know what we are and what we have to offer,” Vasquez said.

“We have great career counselors that will meet with students for career direction, but unfortunately a lot of them don’t even know we exist.”



**Chomping at the bit:** Students like David Garcia, undecided major, took advantage of the free In-N-Out burgers during Welcome Day and Night.

J.B. WITRON/TM



**Photo:** Current Project H.O.P.E. student Cynthia Ascencio (left) and former student Vanessa Ojeda (right) spent the day assisting students and providing snacks for those who passed by the information table.

## Open house serves students

Project H.O.P.E. begins the semester informing about its program.

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As a way to raise awareness and inform students, the Cerritos College Project H.O.P.E. program held its open house in front of the Physical Science building on Aug. 19.

The purpose of the open house was to provide information to students regarding the program and its services, which include supplemental instruction in chemistry and anatomy and physiology, as well as various other counseling courses, according to Program Facilitator Maggie Cordero.

Cordero also mentioned the

emphasis that is placed on the program’s students to volunteer in their communities.

“We encourage our students to volunteer out in the community and work at CVS and health fairs,” Cordero said.

Cordero went on to mention that other students have gone on to volunteer with various organizations such as Parents Against Cancer as well as working at the Downey Regional Hospital.

Another service that Cordero mentioned was for parents to learn about higher education.

“We provide workshops for parents and we also introduce them to what higher education is like and what it is to pursue a career in the health field so that they have the tools to be able to support their students in their academic endeavors,” Cordero said.

Cordero believes that throwing the open house at the beginning of the fall semester is proving to be advantageous.

“It’s the first week of school, a lot of the students are walking around and it’s a way of letting them know who we are, where we are located and introducing them to the program,” Cordero said.

For Vanessa Ojeda, a student of Cal State Long Beach and a former beneficiary of the program, she believes that Project H.O.P.E. can be very useful.

“I think it’s really helpful, especially for people going into the health field and it increases the number of Latinos going into the field,” Ojeda said.

Regarding the effectivity of the program, nursing major Cynthia Ascencio added, “It’s amazing. Personally, it has helped me learn what I have to do to complete my major and it helps me get through my classes.”

For more information, the Project H.O.P.E. office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Parking: New permits facilitate online purchases for students

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When permits are bought online, the person buying it automatically receives a printout of a temporary permit, which they can use until the actual permit arrives in the mail.

Despite the change in design and system, permits can still be purchased through Admissions and Records or from campus police for the same price of \$35 for students and \$50 for staff and faculty.

However, when purchasing online, a \$3.25 shipping and handling fee will be charged.

Other new requirements to purchase a permit now include having to give information regarding the car the

permit is being purchased for, such as the car’s make, model, color, license plate number and the state the car is registered in.

The new change in the system seems to have not affected students’ decisions to purchase the permits, especially for electrical engineering major Daniel Vargas.

“I’ll still buy them,” Vargas said, “You have to, or else they’ll catch you.”

However, some students prefer the previous permit system. Undecided major James Camacho said, “I like it, but I like the permits that you could hook on your mirror better.”

## Cerritos helps young students during summer

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Every summer, the Cerritos College summer youth program helps youth in need find jobs during the summer and get skills that they are going to need in their everyday work life.

According to Carla Yorke, the program’s facilitator, the program helps youth during the time in the program be stationed in different departments.

The summer youth program also has members work in counseling, business education and Project H.O.P.E.

She also explained that most members of the program end up doing office work such as faxing and many other duties.

“It’s great. I love it; I am learning new skills and I love who I work with,” she said.

She is one of the thousands of people that received help from this

special program.

The summer youth program also received help from President Barack Obama’s stimulus package to help struggling people in this economic crisis.

Since it started in summer 2009, this program has been beneficial helping former members of the program from the ages of 14 to 24 learn skills they are going to need in their professional working life.

Alejandro Lopez, a former student of the program, said, “It impacted me a lot. I do know it’s my first official job, and I am learning new skills and it’s a great program.”

Unfortunately, this program is only available in the summer, but for past and current members of the program, it has proven to be a good way to encourage youth in these tough times.

## Rental: Students line up outside bookstore to try rental program

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excited about the rental program’s amount of writing and highlighting in the textbooks.

Vincent Garcia, an undecided major, is excited about the rental program. “I’ve never heard of it before, until now. You hardly ever keep most of the books you have to buy anyway.”

Garcia went on to say, “I Might as well pay less in the first place.”

In fact, student discounts have led to an increase in business for the bookstore. Alegria says, “The sales have gone up dramatically.”

But an increase in business for the bookstore has also created longer lines, which have stretched all along the outer wall of the bookstore.

Monique Hille, a student in the Dental Assisting Program, ex-

pressed that she was “not too happy” with the wait. However, the line had no effect on Hille’s sense of humor, joking, “I don’t even get to go on a ride at the end.”

Students Victoria Chavez and Rae Shine walked into the store in disbelief. “The bookstore needs more people,” said Chavez, who is a business major.

Shine, a business management major, was pressed for time. “I hope I can get out of here in thirty minutes.”

The bookstore will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. for the rest of the special fall rush hours, which end on August 27.

It returns to the standard hours of 7:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. from Monday to Thursday, and from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays thereafter.



# Dental Hygiene program: A Cerritos institution for 39 years and counting

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In the United States, dental hygienists must graduate from a dental hygiene program that is accredited by the American Dental Association in order to obtain a job.

At Cerritos College, those interested in a career as a dental hygienist can obtain their associate degree or certificate in the dental hygiene program.

The program, accredited by the ADA, offers its applicants a two-year degree upon completion. After graduating from the program, students receive an associates of Arts degree in dental hygiene and can then take the National and State Board Examinations, which are required to practice hygiene in the state of California.

This program at Cerritos was first initiated in 1971, and the first graduating class was in 1973.

When it first started, there were very few dental programs around. Today, there are 22 programs in the state of California.

Instructor Adelle Kraymer, a dental hygienist and the director of the dental hygiene program at Cerritos College, was in the first graduating class of 1973. She has since stayed in existence with it.

According to her, the program has grown and improved dramatically over the years.

"All programs are by application. And even though our application pool has gotten smaller over the years, our program has more applicants than most of the other programs do."

According to Kraymer, the large amount of applicants is due to the positive reputation that the

program at Cerritos has obtained throughout the years.

"We have a tremendous reputation in the dental community," she said. "We're known for having one of the best programs around."

Many areas in the health care industry have been hurt by our recent economic downfalls, and the world of dentistry is no exception.

With many people losing their jobs, they also lose their health insurance as well and fewer people are seeing the dentist these days.

But despite the economic issues, Kraymer feels that dental hygienists are still in high demand these days.

"Yes, we've seen a downturn in the job market," she said, "but my recent graduates that I've heard back from have been successful at finding jobs. There are jobs out there, and I think that because of our reputation, we have a bit of an edge in the market."

Kathlyn Ninomiya, another instructor of the program, agrees with Kraymer's comments.

"We are constantly changing the way we teach, the materials we use, and enjoy trying new ideas and methods in teaching our students," Ninomiya said.

The program also has a wide variety of scholarships available to qualifying applicants.

Among the organizations that offer scholarships are the ADHA Institute of Oral Health, Coca Cola, and the Financial Partners/Cerritos College Foundation.

For more information on the dental hygiene program visit its homepage at [www.cerritos.edu/dental-hygiene](http://www.cerritos.edu/dental-hygiene).



ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ/TM

**Do you facebook?:** Some Cerritos College students, such as psychology major Erick Hernandez, sit in the computer lab and chat with friends on facebook. According to techcrunch.com, an estimated 85 percent of students are members of a social networking website.

## Is Cerritos College your friend?

Cerritos College uses social networking sites to inform students of future events.

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Mark Santa Ines, the social networking manager for the Cerritos College Facebook, Myspace, and Twitter accounts, states these accounts are available for students to communicate on a level that students and staff can engage in.

He goes on to say, "Students won't get brochures, and we are trying to reach students 18 to 34 in forms which they can communicate. This

isn't new, it's something we have access to everyday."

Shawn Adams, child development major, said, "I think that it's a good idea; these kids who have the resources to connect with one another on the internet can utilize it to the fullest. Get informed before stepping a foot on campus."

After the computer boom started, it wasn't long before almost every household had a computer. By 1995, Yahoo had already set up a shop and Amazon was already getting shipments for its books.

Students like Cheyenne Trek, biology major, says that, "Social networking is good in a sense that it helps us get in touch with our friends from high school and current friends, too."

Trek goes on to say, "It lets us know what they're doing in life and in school."

She later adds, "It is also a burden to us, because it's a distraction in the classroom and at home. We have it to our benefit so that we just take advantage and use it to slack off instead of doing homework."

Social media has evolved for college students to talk, see and even leave messages to one another on such sites as Myspace, Facebook and Twitter, to name a few.

Cerritos College uses these sites as a means to get the students involved in their school activities. It is an informative site for the students here.

Madison Vierstra, liberal arts major, said, "Students are able to get a hold of each other just by looking up the names of friends. They can also get a good opinion through other students' experiences of previous classes, or if the teacher is worth taking."



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**Say "ahh":** Dental Hygiene students like Donta Farell work hard to receive their two-year degree or certification in order to work in the field.

## Fee Increase: Students strongly affected

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high cost of university tuition—my sister is also currently doing the same."

Art major Nelson Leal requests that state education officials consider how the effects of fee increases at the university level trickle down to community colleges.

"It is becoming more elite and nearly impossible to transfer to a CSU. With class reductions followed by budget cuts, and now another tuition increase, several students are left with few options to execute their education goals," Leal said.

Lay describes fee increases as a "prisoner's dilemma," with no morally right choice.

"If CSU doesn't raise fees and shifts even more students to community colleges, this will displace even more community college students than were displaced last year."

"The more students CSUs are able to serve, the better for community college students who are transferring now, and those that are planning to transfer later and need space in community college classes now."

CSU officials calculate that increases in State University Grants, federal grants, CSU waivers and expanded federal tax credits will allow for more than 187,000 students to remain unaffected

by the fee hike.

Lacy advises community college students transferring to state universities plan for financial help ahead of time.

"Students preparing to transfer should complete all transfer units that will be accepted at our fee rate. Also, seek financial aid and search for scholarships. Every year, scholarship dollars go unused."

The CSU Board of Trustees will consider voting on another fee increase in November if the state does not fully fund this year's proposed budget.

## Teaching program puts students on the right path

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Cerritos College has launched its Urban Teacher Fellowship.

The program is a component of the Cerritos College Teacher TRAC Training Academy.

The Urban Teacher Fellowship serves and assists at-risk youth.

Any member of the community between the ages of 17 to 24 at risk for either gang involvement or that is a current member of a gang, is welcome to join.

Cerritos College has received a \$490,230 grant from the Governor's Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy.

Director of the Teacher Training Academy and Learning Communities Program, Sue Parsons, shared some history regarding the Teacher TRAC program.

Parsons says, "Teacher TRAC started the fall of 1999 in partnership with Cal State Long Beach. It was meant for students who wanted to become elementary school

teachers. The program has since branched out to Cerritos College."

The college Teacher TRAC and Pathway Program has made a place for people that have recruitment mechanisms and supportive services plans.

Last year, with the help from the David and Lucille Packard Foundation, CCUTF received a grant which was worth \$125,000.

Undecided major Stephanie Daza says, "I think it's a good program, and I see that [Teacher TRAC students] want to do something with their lives."

Anyone can participate by completing the skills remediation program coordinated by Cerritos College Pathway Programs.

Being involved in this program requires that students receive 60 hours of after school youth-work training and then be placed in some type of employment area of after school workshops.

By having employment and the support of financial aid, the students gain experience as they try to

pursue a longer term in the teaching credentials program.

"I know it's bad for students to be involved in gangs," Teaching major Shaniece Starnes said,

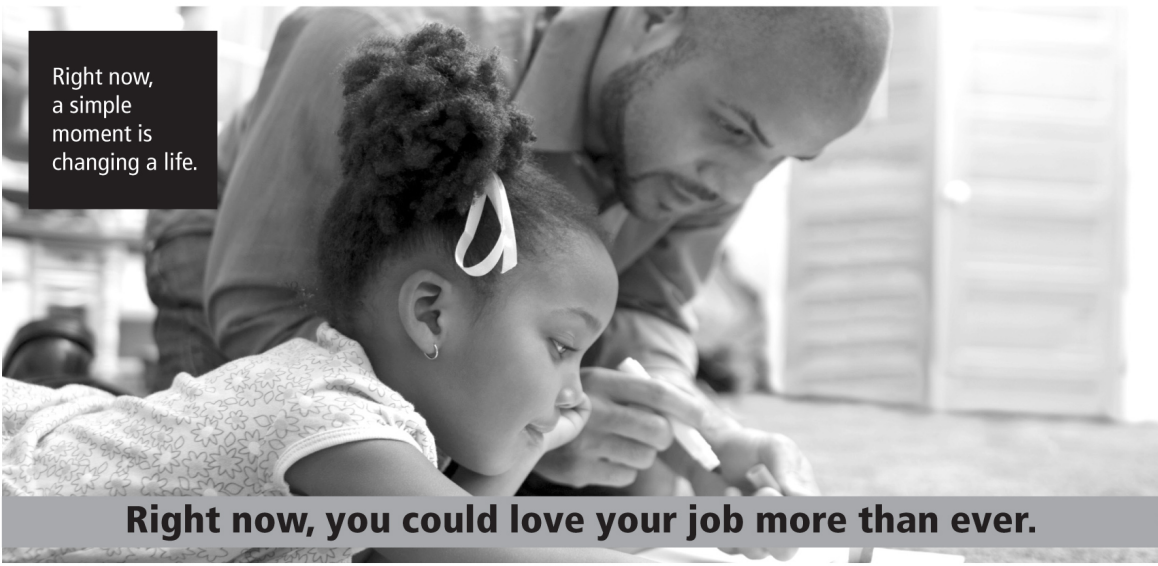
"I think that it's a really good program because a lot of people see these kids in gangs and don't do anything to help them get out of gangs. Overall, I think it's a good program."

Students will be organizing in areas of learning communities of approximately 30 individuals from the college bridge program until the completion of the project is over.

Parsons says, "Basically, if we can get students that are in troubled environments to come in and start working and become something in life, then that is great because, as teachers, they have a plan to set a goal and succeed in that goal that we are trying to reach."

For more information, visit the Teacher TRAC website at [www.teachertrac.com](http://www.teachertrac.com). Program administrators can also be reached at (562) 860-2451, extension 2212.

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•EDITORIAL•

Bookstore leads in new aid

With every complaint about how expensive school is, there seems to be a reason why there isn't help available or why someone thinks there is enough being done to aid us students financially. More programs need to be provided to help students with their educational finances, and at least one place has done something new to aid us this fall. Here in the Cerritos College bookstore, something is being done about our wallets' bulimic tendencies.

Look for less cash escaping from your accounts as the bookstore has just launched its first attempt at a book rental program at the start of this semester.

Approximately one-fourth of the books sold in the bookstore are now available to be rented straight from campus with the help of the book rental company Rent-a-Text.

While this is much appreciated, more parts of the school could follow the bookstore's example and help us out with new ideas such as this.

Taking into account that this is the bookstore's first semester offering rentals, and is using a private company to do so while avoiding the cost of running the program itself, it's doing a good job yet has much room to improve.

The main problem with the rental program is that not enough copies of each book offered are being brought to campus for us to rent.

With most books running out in the first days of the first week of school, it's apparent that us students have exhausted the program and it needs to be increased.

That being said, students can always contact the Rent-a-Text website for books, or go to bookstore for more information on additional sources for rentals off campus.

Seeing the response students have taken to this program with lines out the door at the bookstore and rental copies flying off the shelves, the desire for additional money-saving sources is apparent.

If the school identifies our demand for these programs, it will hopefully begin creating more that will ultimately leave our minds richer, as well as our pocketbooks.



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Recession should result in increased help

Is there anyone else out there who's as tired as I am of paying for overpriced books? How does a stack of paper, ink and glue cost over \$100? Is there gold dust in the pages?

Don't get me wrong, I really appreciate the Cerritos College Bookstore and all the services it provide. In fact, I'm glad it has started renting books to students who aren't interested in shelling out large sums of money for something they may only need for a semester.

But with fees for what seems like just about everything except breathing-don't hold your breath on that one, though, because the state is starved for cash and looking for any source of revenue it can find--I've just about had enough!

Several students here at Cerritos shared similar sentiments in interviews I had with them last week:

"Rising costs and overcrowding discourage people from coming to school," said anthropology major Jit Singh. "It's all very stressful for students," he added.

Vineet Jain, who is a business economics major, told me he had to pay \$180 for a single book, and he purchased it online!



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What is this madness? I think it's time we retire overpriced textbooks and look to more online material. Or for those who enjoy the musty smell of a dusty book, perhaps reading original sources is a better option.

Wouldn't it be more productive for a student studying economics to actually read Adam Smith's book "The Wealth of Nations," or for a philosophy class to study Plato's "Republic," than to constantly cram a large amount of information from a plethora of various sources that most of us forget on the last day of school? Besides, original sources can be found online for free, or purchased in any bookstore for under \$10.

And how about all the back problems we get from lugging around 50 pounds of books everyday? Per-

haps that's why we have to pay a student health fee! Wouldn't you much rather carry 2-pounds worth of classic literature?

Consider, also, how much money this would save the school! No more buying updated editions of textbooks, because original sources are never out of date! We refer to them all the time. In fact, textbooks are just a collection of excerpts from these original sources.

Either way, schools like Cerritos College should start exploring ways to lessen the burden on students who are already dealing with the hardships of an almost three-year-long economic recession.

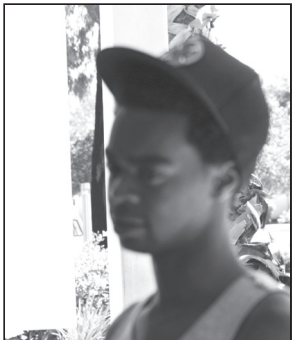
And if you agree with Solomon Namala, who is an economics professor here at Cerritos College, you likely believe that we have a "long way to go" to recover from the doldrums of economic despair.

Let's entreat our instructors, administrators, and student representatives to mull over this idea when it comes to planning for future semesters. I think we'd all like to give our bank accounts, and our spines, some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

*"Schools like Cerritos College should start exploring ways to lessen the burden on students who are already dealing with the hardships of an almost three-year-long recession."*

How has the bookstore rental program affected you?

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**RYAN HUNTER**  
finance major  
"I wish they had the more for rent because the most expensive one I couldn't rent it was like 114 brand new."



**JASMINE GIBBOIU**  
kinesiology major  
"I rented a muscular skeletal anatomy book because it was the only one available."



**VICTORIA GALARZA**  
sociology major  
"I saved a hundred dollars. It was supposed to be \$183 but I got it for \$83."



**NICKY WONG**  
business major  
"I rented a sports psychology book, the regular price is \$37 for a new one and I rented it for \$16."



**ALEX ROJO**  
liberal arts major  
"I tried to rent a text book for computer class but they didn't have any more rentals. They need more books."



**VANESSA FARIAS**  
business accounting major  
"I bought three of them for over 300\$, they didn't have the ones I need (for rent)."

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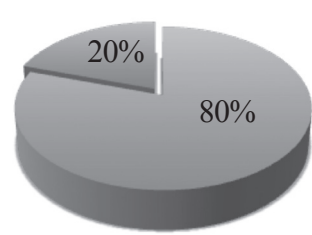
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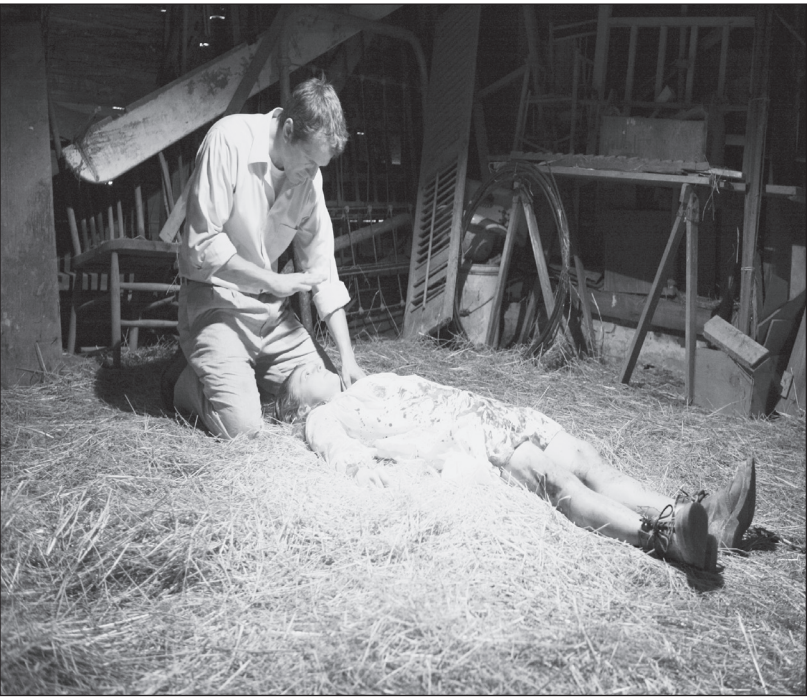
What do you think about the proposed Islamic mosque to be built two city blocks away from 911 "ground zero"?

- 80% • It has nothing to do with terrorism and everything to do with freedom, build it!
- 20% • It's a bad idea, maybe even disrespectful. Build it somewhere else.
- 0% • It's insensitive , but also a right for the Muslim community. I'm on the fence.
- 0% • The people have the right to vote on it no matter what the constitution says and decide that way.





# ‘The Last Exorcism’ it’s so scary that it’s good



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**Performing Exorcism:** Cotton Marcus (Patrick Fabian) and Nell Sweetzer (Ashley Bell) in ‘The Last Exorcism.’ Photo credit: Patti Perret

## Movie Review

*The Last Exorcism*

Starring: Patrick Fabian,  
Ashley Bell  
Director: Daniel Sam  
Rating: ★ ★ ★

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I can’t say that I went into “The Last Exorcism” with the utmost enthusiasm.

Another movie categorized under the seemingly played-out “exorcism” horror subgenre with relatively unknown actors when and it’s not even Rated-R, (for those viewers searching for at least a gorey bloodfest).

Imagine my surprise when I left this film

praising it as, at the very least, one of the very best horror films this year, and very worth your money.

The film follows our main character, Reverend Cotton Marcus, his cameraman, and sound lady as they attempt to film a bogus ritual and bust the exorcism business for the farce Marcus believes it to be.

The journey from a skeptic’s mission to a uncover exorcism’s fraudulence, to a confrontation with a very real supernatural horror is undoubtedly an entertaining one.

“The Last Exorcism” is such a refreshing film in so many regards.

It certainly triumphs as a stand-alone horror film.

It admirably implements suspense and thrill into most every scene meant to do so.

It’s the movie that has come closest to perfectly utilizing its pseudo-documentary style.

The up-close-and-personal, shaky camera-work is akin to past attempts, such as “Cloverfield” and “Paranormal Activity.”

It is manipulated in a way that puts you through the terror of our main characters, with every horror-inducing moment seemingly in striking distance.

Much of the first act consists of Marcus explaining his skepticism revolving around religion, and his unraveling of the cheap parlor tricks employed by the men of his profession.

Surprisingly, these portions of the movie provide the viewer with exceptionally complimentary comic relief.

As a matter of fact, up until the final act, there is a very jestful tongue-in-cheek mood strewn throughout scenes and dialogue. Marcus’ exorcist magic is especially funny.

The only real gripe I have with “The Last Exorcism” is the ending.

It wasn’t exactly satisfactory on a mental level.

But that’s not to say that my jaw didn’t drop with excitement throughout the finale.

The Last Exorcism releases on Aug. 27, I urge you to check it out in theaters.

## Students receive discounts for food

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Alondra’s Mexican Food, located at 15617 Studebaker Road, down the street from Cerritos College and directly across the street from CVS, is an authentic Mexican restaurant that is filled with great taste.

Walking into Alondra’s I didn’t know what to expect from the small restaurant.

But as I walked up to the counter, I noticed a sign that read “student specials.”

My initial thought was, “thank you God!,” because as college students we are on a tight budget.

The combo specials were as follows: breakfast burrito with a drink for \$3.99, three tacos and a drink for \$3.99, small nachos and a drink for \$4.99 and last but not least a burrito and drink for \$4.59.

I ordered the burrito-and-drink combo.

Then I took a seat at one of the small round tables and enjoyed the cool air.

I was not waiting too long when my food arrived and much to my astonishment the cashier was the one that brought my meal to me.

She was friendly and regularly checked on me to make sure I was fine.

The burrito and the drink were very large and extremely delicious and I did not have to pay a ridiculous amount of money for them. Being a college student, saving money is important to me.

Alondra’s is a small and simple restaurant with small, round tables and chairs, while colorful picture menus were posted invitingly decorating the back wall.

The service was fast and friendly. I felt that the main concern of the staff was that I was taken care of and my meal experience was exceptional.

The cleanliness of the restaurant was great and I felt at ease eating there due to the absence of dirt, cracked paint, and any nasty smells.

To receive the student specials you must show your current Cerritos College student ID card.

This Alondra’s is definitely worth it.

Overall, Alondra’s Mexican Food offered great service, good-tasting food, affordable prices and a peaceful dining ambiance.

I would recommend this place to everyone.



JIM BRANNON/TM  
**Delicious:** Enjoy this delicious burrito for cheap by using your student identification card at Alondra’s Mexican Food.



JUAN RAMOS/TM

**Mural:** “Rain of Gold 2013: Indigenous wisdom,” hangs by the administrative offices within the campus library. It was painted as a collaborative effort between 11 Cerritos College art students.

## Mural debuts in library

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To art student Edson Martinez, the opportunity to have a major work displayed at his college alma mater is an honor he looks forward to sharing with future generations.

“As I keep on going with my career, I can always come back to see one of the first pieces that I worked on, as a mural, to show my kids’ kids,” he said.

Under the guidance of painting instructor Rebecca Guzak, Martinez and 10 other student artists created the large-scale piece entitled “Rain of Gold 2013: Indigenous Wisdom” that took first place at the 2010 Student Art Exhibition in April.

The 6-by-9 canvas is now on

display by the administrative offices within the campus library, as requested by Cerritos College President Linda Lacy.

“When several students can combine their work to produce such exceptional art, the effort should be noted,” Lacy said.

The mural hangs on the wall facing the office of Dean of the Cerritos College Library and LRC Carl Bengston.

“I certainly enjoy having art displayed, and if I ever have the opportunity to display student art, that would certainly be my preference,” Bengston said.

James MacDevitt, director and curator of the Cerritos College Art Gallery, aims to one day bring Bengston’s suggestion to life by establishing a permanent collection of art work for the college.

“That’s certainly my hope—

it’s a dream. I don’t know that it necessarily will come to reality; I don’t know that it will come to reality any time soon, but I’m working on it,” MacDevitt said.

While in the early stages of planning for a permanent collection, MacDevitt envisions a structure that resembles that of the Vincent Price Art Museum at East Los Angeles College.

“ELAC has been the springboard for a number of well-known, LA-based artists, particularly from the 70s,” MacDevitt explains.

“The director of the art gallery at the time was prescient enough to collect the student works that are now some of the earliest representations of what those famous artists were producing in their earliest stages of development,” he adds.

Lacy approves the suggestion to immortalize students’ achievements by displaying their work on campus.

“I would support other student art to be featured around campus, and I would also like to see an expansion of a permanent art collection,” she noted.

MacDevitt presumes that if the college ever adopts a permanent collection, the student mural will become its first piece.

“In the end we’re gonna have to sign official documents and that sort of thing, but I think we’re moving in that direction,” he adds.

Guzak considers the mural’s installation the crowning achievement of her career.

“The story behind this painting—it just keeps going on and on—so I’m really happy about the whole thing,” she said.

## Cerritos College Dance Repertory holds auditions

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Cerritos College is holding auditions this Friday for the Cerritos College Repertory Dance Ensemble, also known as Rep.

Rep., formerly lead by Maha Afra, dance instructor, has performed for Cypress College and ELAC, and participates in the fall and spring dance concerts.

Liberal arts major Aileen Rios has been dancing with Rep. since spring 2010.

She is minoring in dance and wants to one day be a dance teacher.

Rios, who has been dancing since the age of 11, says Rep. covers a variety of dances and finds it to be a fun and rewarding experience.

Susanna Benavides, double majoring in graphic design and dance, has also been dancing with Rep. since spring 2010.

Benavides loves dancing for Rep. because it exposes her to new forms of dance.

This upcoming semester, she is excited for the arrival of the new dance instructor, Rebekah Davidson.

Candace Rosales, undecided major, has been dancing with Rep. since spring 2010 and is excited to see new faces.

Davidson has an extended background in modern dance that Benavides believes will help her better her technique.

Davidson has been teaching dance for 10 years.

Davidson, who has worked with organizations such as CSULB, Renaissance Arts Academy, and National Dance Institute, believes that, “Whether or not you intend to be a professional dancer, I believe dance can benefit you in life.

Dance goes beyond exercise, it’s good for your soul.”

She graduated with a B.S.A. in dance from the Universi-

ty of Texas and received her M.S.A. in dance from CSULB.

She’s been working with Cerritos College for three years, but this is her first semester instructing Rep.

She is very excited to work with this year’s dancers and in regards to Afra she says, “I have big shoes to fill. Maha has been an amazing teacher.”

She plans to focus on modern and contemporary dance and bring in other choreographers to teach different types of dance.

She is looking for dancers with, “enough skill to have developed an individual artistic voice,” but she says people with charisma, energy, determination and artistry are all welcome too.

Students attending the auditions can expect to be taught different dance combinations and be able to remember and perform them.

Students who love to dance and have charisma and energy should report to FA 55 at 3 p.m. this Friday.

## TM Trivia

What famous painter said, “The only difference between me and a mad man is that I am not mad.”

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**Strumming out:** Applied Music Program student, Christopher Morano, practices his guitar. Morano is working on fulfilling his weekly lab hour requirements in pursuit of completing the program.

# Students apply music skills

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The Applied Music Program is geared to aid music students who have an interest in pursuing a career in music.

In order to be considered for the program each student must audition a week before the semester starts.

“It’s a very challenging program,” Director of Applied Music Studies Dr. Christine Lopez said.

During the audition the prospective students must be ready to perform a short solo on whatever instrument they chose to play.

A.M.P. offers instruction for the following instruments: guitar, piano, wood winds, brass instruments, percussion instruments, and voice.

From there, a panel of instructors will determine whether or not a student gets admitted.

When a student gets admitted the panel evaluates his skills to see which category the student falls under: beginner, intermediate, or advanced.

Once the level has been determined, the student will be placed in either Music 147, 148, 149, 150, or 151.

Each student is responsible in completing a minimum of four to five hours of practice a week, including one hour of private lesson with an instructor.

In addition to being enrolled in music class and completing the hours of practice the student has to be enrolled in a performing ensemble: band, orchestra, choir, or piano and a recital class.

Music major and electric bass student for

A.M.P., Rusty Kennedy, says that program is for people who are serious about making music their career. “The lab hours should be no big deal. If they are, then maybe they should reconsider the program and career.”

A perk that A.M.P. students can experience is the opportunity to network with other musicians.

Kennedy mentions how students in the program go on to form bands outside of school.

He recalls hectic memories of being in a band while in A.M.P.

“In the past, ensemble has taken a toll on me. I’ll go set up at the Student Center, play, and then have to be at Long Beach or Los Angeles for a show, but I enjoyed doing both.”

Lupita Infante, music major and singer in A.M.P., finds the program to be very helpful in the sense that, “it’s a great place for musicians to

# ‘Eat Pray Love’ proves to be a tasty treat for audiences

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When I first read “Eat Pray Love,” I couldn’t help but fall in love with the author and main character of the book, Liz Gilbert.

Her vivid imagery throughout her year-long journey of self discovery through Italy, India, and Indonesia was enough to inspire me to start writing again.

I loved the book so much that as soon as I finished it, I re-read it, then passed it on to all of my girlfriends ensuring them it was a must read.

When I heard a movie was being made I was a little apprehensive, knowing all too well how Hollywood puts its own spin on stories.

With a film directed by Ryan Murphy and a cast including Julia Roberts, Billy Crudup, and James

Franco, it would be hard to make a bad movie.

There were many differences between the book and movie, but overall I loved both.

Julia Roberts did an exceptional job portraying the strong, yet vulnerable Gilbert.

I thought the transition between each location was a little rough and slightly confusing for someone who has not read the book, but it wasn’t hard to catch on.

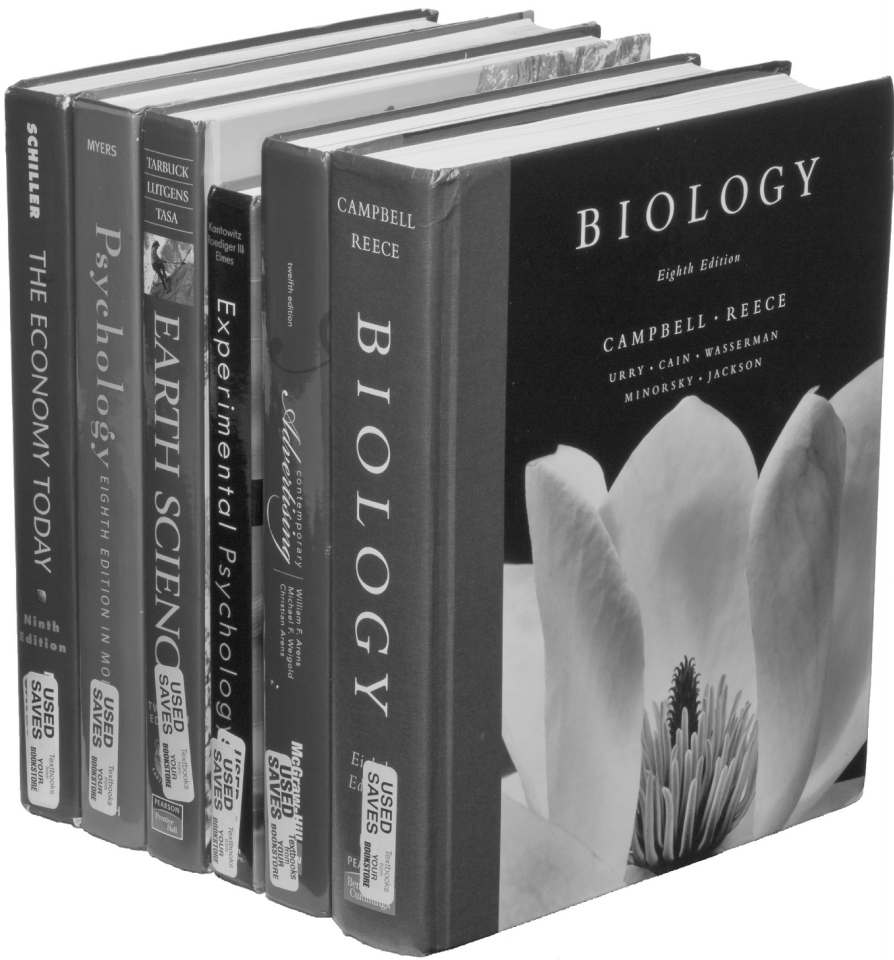
I felt as though the internal struggles dealt with in the book were slightly watered down for the movie, but I can imagine it being hard to emulate that in a two-hour movie.

When it comes down to it, the themes are all there and for someone who hasn’t read the book I would definitely recommend seeing the movie.



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**Tasty:** Julia Roberts as Elizabeth Gilbert in Columbia Pictures’ “Eat Pray Love.” Roberts’ character embarks on a year-long journey in search of self discovery.

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# Football looks to start off fresh

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After falling short in the 2009 foot- ball season, 31-17, to Palomar City College in the Southern California Regional Playoffs, the Falcons have re-loaded with lots of young, athletic tal- ent and are ready to contend for a na- tional title.

It was the second straight year the Falcons were knocked off by the Com- ets.

After finishing the season 9-2 and 5-1 in the South Coast Conference, Coach Frank Mazzotta believes that this year's team is one of the deepest and most athletic in recent years.

"We have great depth at just about every position. There are so many young athletic guys out there and it is just such great competition," Mazzotta said.

The Falcons face a very difficult schedule playing seven out of 12 teams in the Elite 12, a conference that houses 12 elite California junior college teams. The Falcons will begin the season ranked eighth in the state of California.

Mazzotta says the players on offense to watch are Kane Wilson, Daveon Barner and Dion Curry.

Kane Wilson out of El Dorado High School was a backup quarterback for the Utah State Aggies before leaving the team to play for Cerritos. Wilson, who was an All-CIF player at El Dorado High School, is expected to be named the starter, above former Long Beach Poly quarterback Morgan Fennell.

Last year, he threw for over sixteen hundred yards with 17 touchdowns and five interceptions.

Daveon Barner, recently transferred from Long Beach City College, ran for 956 yards, and six touchdowns. Barner also helped lead Long Beach Poly High School in an appearance in the California State Championship game in 2008.

The defensive unit will be led by linebacker David Lopez,



**Geared Up:** Cerritos College football players set up and get ready for practice. They look to hit the ground running with a win over LA Harbor College.

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and safety Keith McGill. Lopez is expected to be the leader of the defense. Last year, he had 61 total tackles, two sacks and one interception. McGill verbally committed to the University of Utah earlier this summer.

"Utah joining the [Pac-12] had a big part to do with it. I want to play against the [powerhouses] in the conference such as USC and make a name for myself," McGill said.

He describes himself as a "ball-hawking safety, who provides good run support."

Freshman Dwan Gill out of Carson High School has im- pressed many of the coaches including Mazzotta. "That kid has just been really good. He just makes plays and it is like 'whoa,'" Mazzotta said.

Another key to this defense will be the defensive line. "The defensive line looks really good; it is a good thing those guys are on our team," offensive line coach Lloyd Wilson said.

Returners Jordan Gross, Jhovany Bautista, and Eli Edwards look to maintain the sack production from a year ago, when the Falcons' defense had a combined 37 sacks.

Freshman Wilson Edwards, who was an All-Moore League player for Long Beach Poly, looks to keep up the winning tradition. "Cerritos [College] is a lot like Poly in a way. [The team] expects to win, and I just want to come in and help keep that going," Edwards said.

The Falcons open up the season at home against the Los Angeles Har- bor Seahawks who last year also went 9-2. The Seahawks are coming into the season ranked number nine in South- ern California, led by new head coach Brett Peabody who was the offensive coordinator for the past seven seasons.

Its week-two match-up is against the defending national champions, the Palomar Comets, who eliminated the Falcons in the playoffs two consecutive seasons.

"When we face [the Comets], we won't approach them any differently," Mazzotta noted.

Cerritos College has also put a big emphasis on recruiting local talent.

"We get guys from Long Beach, Car- son, Norwalk, and we are starting to ex- pand. These guys know each other, have played against each other, and it is just good camaraderie," Mazzotta said.

Mazzota is expecting to win a state championship and so are the players. "This season we will work harder than anyone we play. We will speed train harder than anyone we play, and we have 12 coaches that work harder than any- one else we play."

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—FRANK MAZZOTA  
Football head coach

# All-American recruits join the squad

With an extra fleet of All-American re- cruits, the Cerritos College wrestling team looks to finish top 4 in the state.

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After last season's impressive performance, with wrestlers Caleb Gerl and Jose Lopez both capturing a state title, this year's team is look- ing to repeat its success and maybe even surpass its fifth place finish at state finals.

Head coach Don Garriot said he has the strongest group he's had in a long time at the beginning of the season and that everyone starting has a chance to win state honors if they can stay on track.

"We have the strongest group we've had in a long time as long as we stay on track," he said, "I think our whole lineup has a chance for a state title."

Jose Lopez will be returning this season as a sophomore and will de- fend his state title after winning last year.

Recruited and returning wres-

tlers also look to lead the team for- ward to a successful season includ- ing All-Americans, one of which is Eric Savageau.

"Eric Savageau redshirted last year. He's a returning All-Ameri- can," Garriott said referring to the strong national hopeful.

Savageau seems to lack little confidence and looks to dominate after "redshirting" and not compet- ing last season.

High school champions round out the lineup for this year's team.

"Steven Cubanis is in his first year of competition as high school national champion; he should do well," said Garriott. "I think we have a lot of talent this year, we just have to let them prove themselves a little bit."

Aside from the known strength the program has identified during the summer practice sessions, in- coming wrestlers can expect being pressured by limited space and cuts from the team this season.

Wrestling practice is being hosted at Excelsior High School for now, limiting the practice mat area to two-thirds what it was before leading coaches prepared to cut from the over 70 athletes looking to participate.

"The gym shut down for the whole year due to construction," Garriot said.

With so many athletes enrolled in this year's wrestling program, cuts will be made to decrease the number to 50 wrestlers.

Garriott and his assistant coaches aren't too keen on cutting athletes just to get as many different bodies in the room to strengthen their team, but that is the hand the team was dealt this season and the coaches are looking to adapt.



**Commitment:** Wrestler Eric Savageau does agility drills during practice. He red-shirted the 2009 season to improve his technique and wrestling ability so he would be ready for the 2010 season.

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# Falcons set to fly the coop for next season

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The Cerritos College Falcons are looking to put together a strong recruiting class in 2010 led by University of Utah verbal commit Keith McGill.

McGill is the starting free safety for the Falcons' defense, is a "ball hawk" style safety, and provides great run support. A season ago, he posted 21 tackles and tied the team high with four interceptions.

McGill cites the school leaving the Moun- tain West Conference for the Pac-12 as a very influential piece to his commitment status.

"Honestly, I would have gone elsewhere if [the team] didn't join the [Pac-12]. I kept telling the coaches, 'You have to join the [Pac-

12]'. Everyone wants to play against schools like USC," McGill said.

Despite his big play ability, McGill isn't the only gem in the Cerritos secondary.

Defensive back Tyrone Taylor was a stand- out at Narbonne High School and will start at one of the cornerback positions. Taylor is currently being scouted by Arizona State, Boise State, Colorado and San Diego State Uni- versity.

Jordan Gross will also look to have a big year on defensive.

The 6-foot-3-inch, 290-pound defensive tackle helped lead Long Beach Poly to the 2007 CIF Southern Section Pac-5 title.

He signed with Jackson State University in February of 2008, and redshirted that season. He came to Cerritos last year as a redshirt

freshman and had 31 tackles, three sacks, and a forced fumble. He is being scouted by Florida International University, Ohio State, Oregon State and UCLA, but FIU is the only one so far to send him a scholarship.

On the opposing side of the ball, Fouimalo Fonoti looks to have a bigger role in protect- ing the quarterback this year. He has sparked interest with future Pac-12 schools, such as USC, Arizona, and Washington State, while receiving offers from FIU, New Mexico, and Washington State.

Football head coach Frank Mazzotta said, "Fou is going to have a big year for us. He and center Jeff Houser are going to have breakout a season on the offensive line."

Both Fonoti and Houser were named to the All-SCC last season.



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**Scouted:** Keith McGill kneels during a break at practice. McGill has verbally committed to Utah.

## CERRITOS



### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Men's Soccer

The Cerritos College men's soccer team will try to look past its 2-1 loss to Mt. SAC in the third round playoff game last season and will start the 2010 season next week against Los Angeles Mission College.

The team has been putting its full effort into the practices to prepare itself for the new sea- son. Ranking third place at the end of last season, the players are very determined to finish the tournament on top.

MICHELLE MORENO

First Game: Aug. 29 v. LA Mission College

#### Men's and women's Cross Country

Cerritos College Cross Country looks to get off to a good start this season after both men's and women's cross country teams finished top 20 in state and top 10 in Southern California.

"We're gonna win; this will be interesting" said Gabriel Hilbert. The summer training has begun, and has been going well, based on the aerobic train- ing putting in an average of 70 to 80 miles in each training. Next week is when the more the complex training will begin based on the speed and pacing.

STEPHANIE ROMERO

First Meet: Sept. 3, UC San Diego Opener

#### Volleyball

The Cerritos College's vol- leyball team looks to redeem itself after being knocked out of the playoffs in the first round against Cypress College.

Outside hitter Chanelle Puou will have big shoes to fill since replacing star player Sarah Naranjo, who will now at- tend Cal State Long Beach.

"She is a great all-around player, and sometimes she shows some qualities of Sarah with her ability," Velazquez- Ortega said. Last year, Puou had 262 kills and 86 digs.

PETE MOYE'

First Game: Aug., 26 v. South Florida Community College

#### Women's Soccer

The Cerritos College wom- en's soccer team looks to re- deem itself after ending the 2009 season with a 1-0 loss in a second-round match-up against Santiago Canyon Col- lege, and is working toward winning its third state champi- onship in five years.

"It's going to be an exciting year," head coach Ruben Gon- zalez commented. "It's a good mix of returning players and incoming players so we are ex- pecting a lot."

STEVEN QUINTANA

First Game: Aug. 28-29, Sea Breeze Tournament

#### SPORTS STANDINGS

##### FOOTBALL

- Central Conference-  
1. Mt. San Antonio College  
2. Cerritos  
3. El Camino

\*\*2009 Final Season Standings\*\*

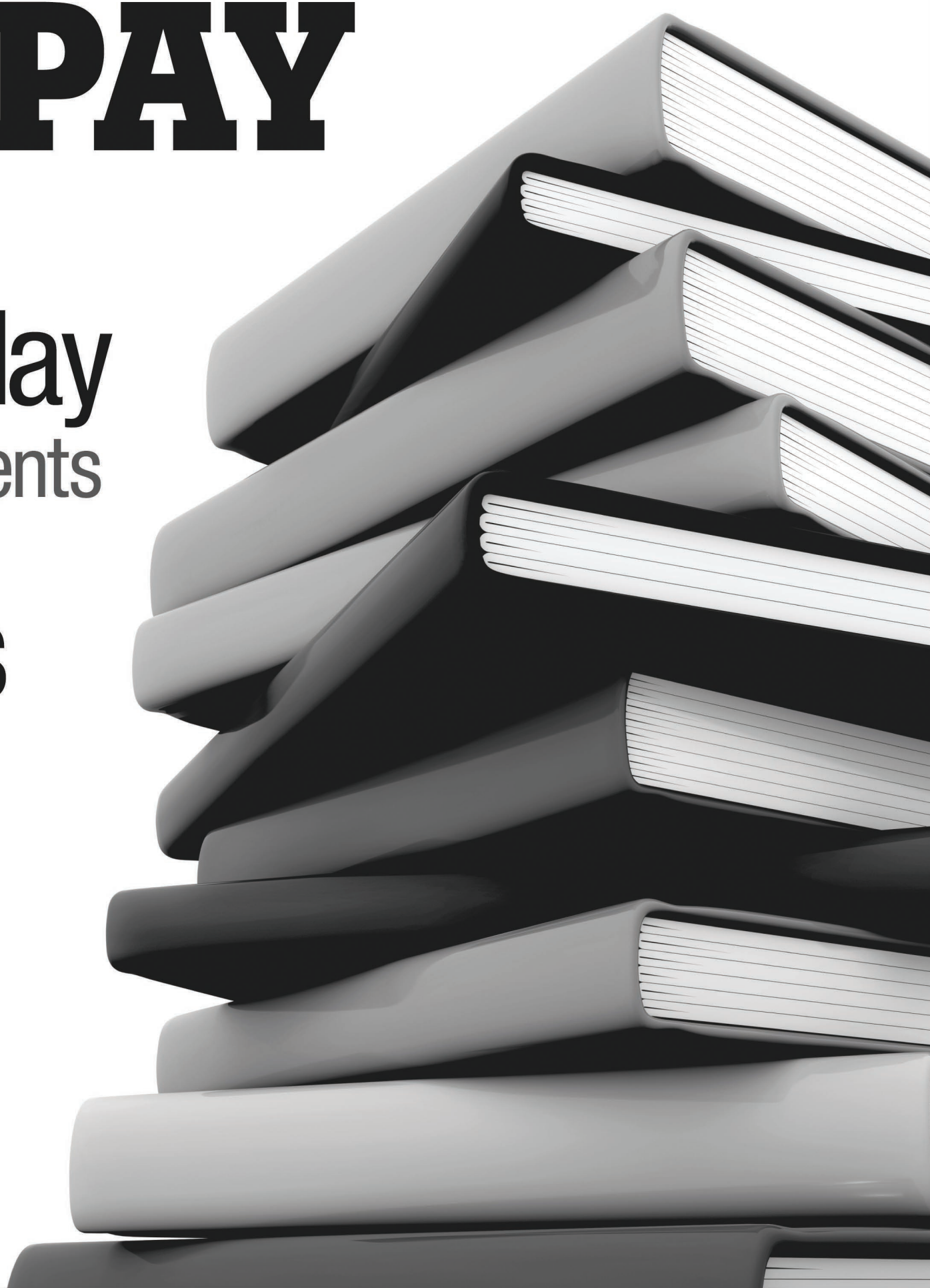


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