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171 apply for vacant student activities position

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Due to the retirement of Coordinator of Student Activities Dean Ackland, a replacement is now needed.

Thus far, there have been 171 people who have applied for the position. Director of Student Services Holly Bogdanovich says that a screening process will take place in which applications will be pre-screened to see if they meet certain requirements.

"There is a committee that is selected to decide what kinds of questions to ask for the pre-screening as well as the actual screening process," Bogdanovich said.

She went on to add that "the pre-screening is where you sit down with all the applications that are turned in and you review them to see if they meet the criteria of the position."

"Although the exact criteria is confidential," adds Student Body Vice President Luis Ong, "the applicants will also need experience with student services and a

bachelor's degree."

"What I know is you have got to have a bachelor's degree. You have to have some experience with student services and being all about the students," he said.

After the applicants are prescreened, they go through a ranking system which leads to a decision by the committee.

After the pre-screening, each chosen applicant is interviewed one-on-one and then a decision is made, where it is then sent to the Board of Trustees that then

approves the decision.

The committee is still in the pre-screening process, so the actual date for a decision is still unknown, due to the number of applicants.

"Right now, we are in the pre-screening process and with 171 applications, you can imagine that takes a little bit for a committee to get through," Bogdanovich said.

As of now, the process is underway and not much details are given due to time constraints and confidentiality.

Student hit by cart receives a warning

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A Cerritos College student was struck by a traffic control officer's cart as she was riding her skateboard by the Student Center and CB Building, Thursday, Sept. 2.

Culinary Arts student Marcella Ballesteros, while not seriously injured, complained of lower-leg pain and was driven away to the campus police station where she later declined for a paramedic to respond.

Since the incident, Ballesteros has not been able to return to work and has even missed some class



Marcella Ballesteros

periods. "I work in a warehouse and I have to be on my feet. I was scheduled to go into work on Sept. 6 but [my lower leg] was still hurting. I went to see my doctor and she referred me to an orthopedic specialist, and I will figure out if I need to get a MRI (Magnetic resonance imaging) scan," Ballesteros said.

The accident occurred when Ballesteros, who was riding westbound, collided with Traffic Officer Omar Anderson, who was driving a cart southbound.

The collision reportedly sent the student's food and belongings to the cement sidewalk.

Anderson stated in a police report he "didn't see the pedestrian until after the impact."

While the police report says that Anderson had slowed down before he got to the intersection, Ballesteros

does not agree. "I wasn't going very fast, when he hit me he wasn't able to stop until 5 or 6 feet later."

Undecided major, Fernando Ibara, witnessed the accident and said, "The [traffic control officer] was going fast when they met in the intersection and he hit her. [Ballesteros'] backpack hit the windshield, her skateboard flipped and her food fell."

While Vice President of Student Services and Assistant Superintendent, Stephen Johnson said, "Being here five years, [accidents] have not been common, what is more often the case is that a cart will hit a light post or a railing," Ibara says that this isn't the first time he had witnessed an accident involving a traffic control officer in a cart.

"I've been coming here for a while and the traffic control officers are on the carts like crazy—it is actually the second accident I have seen—I have also seen them stop abruptly to avoid hitting students."

After the incident, Ballesteros received a warning from campus police to not ride her skateboard on campus and Anderson did not face any disciplinary action.

Cerritos College Chief of Police Richard Bukowiecki said, "The traffic control officer did not violate any department policies. You aren't supposed to ride skateboards on campus, at all, so the student was in violation of the law in that respect and was given a warning."

According to Bukowiecki, people riding in carts should not be traveling faster than at the pace of a "brisk walk."

"If students have concerns about the speed of the traffic control officers, they should come in and tell me."

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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW DROP-OFF ZONE



JIM BRANNON/TM

Ground breaking: Construction on the new drop off zone in front of the Administration Building started Monday. The project is expected to be completed before the 45-day slated period.

New drop-off zone underway

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Cerritos College began construction on the north side of campus for a new student drop-off and pick-up zone in front of the Administration Building on Monday.

It is a one-way drop-off, stemming from the entrance of lot C-4. Two lanes are being constructed, one for drop-off and one to drive

through, heading eastbound into lot C-3.

"I think that it's a good thing because it will help clear up traffic. That is an issue right now," said Jennifer Rodriguez, nursing major.

Robert Riffle, director of the Physical Plant, is overseeing the project.

"For a long time, we've had a need for a safer [pick-up and drop-off] point for students coming on and off campus," Riffle said.

Difficulties have arisen from two separate drop-off points; the C-3 lot in front of the Burnight Center and the C-4 lot in front of the Social Science Building.

"To alleviate some of the problem there, if not all of it, we've decided to put an interme-

diary drop-off in front of the [Administration] Building," Riffle said.

The new lanes will guide drivers from the C-4 entryway toward the C-3 lot, linking them together and providing the driver with more options when leaving campus and reducing traffic congestion.

"I think it'd be better and more efficient for this school to have more places for people to drop [students] off," said Jessica Vidrio, nursing major.

Daniel Chacon, Business Administration major, wasn't as excited as others about the new project, saying, "Instead of building a

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ASCC senate election results in, new officers take seats



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Student's voice: Business major Tania Aguirre took time to vote for senators last Thursday. 30 seats were available for the fall 2010 senate.

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ASCC held senate elections this semester for the running candidates that are competing for a seat as senator.

Senate elections were held Sept. 8 and 9, and with only 37 seats available for senators this semester, applications for senate have piled up from students interested for the

title.

Candidates who don't get elected to senate have the option to join the Homecoming Committee and Awards Committee.

Candidates will be placed on panels of seven students, each group making posters, flyers and attending weekly meetings.

In order for these students to qualify for the position of senator, they must have a 2.5 GPA and be enrolled in a minimum of 5 units.

Senate candidate, Melinda Allen, a liberal studies major, believes the duties of a senate member include having an open mind.

"I think you need to have an open personality, good judgement and be objective, because mostly you're voting on issues that affect the student body. You need to have that mindset of knowing what's going to affect students and that you're the voice for them," Allen said.

Elected senators will go on to

represent the student body, which consists of taking responsibilities for school events and activities.

Based on issues brought up by the student cabinet, senators take part in a legislative vote on certain propositions that meet the benefit the students.

Raquel Ramirez, a Math major who is also a running candidate, felt a strong motivation for her candidacy, mainly because of the persis-

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NEWS BRIEFS

Latino clubs hold celebration

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An academic presentation about the Grito de Dolores (Cry of Dolores), a key event that led to Mexican independence, took place Tuesday in the Teleconference Center.

History professor Walter Fernandez delivered the presentation, which is a precursor to the Mexican Bicentennial Celebration taking place Thursday, Sept. 16 at Falcon Square.

Pound by Pound begins Tuesday

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Pound by Pound re-opens its doors for new members as it prepares for its orientation. Pound by Pound is a new program that helps and improves individuals to strive to get healthy.

The program improves proper nutrition, productive training and positive motivation. This program is a 16-week program that will help students train and eat the proper way for their bodies.

Zully Ybanez, Sociology, Psychology and Cosmetology major, says, “ Since I have a heart condition, I want to be a part of this program because I think it will be a good program and it will be my first time being a part of something like this.”

Luncheon kicks off homecoming

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Cerritos College ASCC held a luncheon at the Student Center stage on Thursday to kick off the 2010 homecoming schedule, entitled, “Literature Classics.”

Representatives from the various clubs on campus were at the luncheon to hear the calendar of events leading up to homecoming day on Oct. 16.

Director of Student Activities Holly Bogdanovich explained the various activities that clubs are capable of taking part in, including building a homecoming float, as well as sponsoring someone for homecoming court.



ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ/TM
Giving life: Education major Chantel Samuels and biology major Kirelos Habib wait to give their blood donations. According to Red Cross Senior Field Coordinator Rob Torrez, the limited amount of resources available led to students leaving the blood drive due to not having enough time.

Blood drive keeps moving

Cerritos holds blood drive despite inconveniences due to the recent renovations on campus.

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Cerritos College held its annual Back-to-School Blood Drive for students to donate blood to the American Red Cross.

The blood drive, which took place last Tuesday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. was hosted inside two buses that were provided by the American Red Cross for students who were interested in giving donations throughout those days.

According to Red Cross Senior Field Coordinator Rob Torrez, the renovations that are taking place on campus have limited the number and types of donations that the Red Cross has been able to receive, as opposed to previous

years.

“Due to the circumstances of the remodeling and renovation of the gym, we have been bumped out of the Student Center and we are able to do blood donations only,” Torrez said.

Torrez also mentioned that although the donations have been limited to whole blood, they are in “small doses, but effective and needed in a hospital.”

According to Torrez, the relocation of the bloodmobiles has also led to a lower turnout, even causing students to leave due to long waiting times.

“Because of the buses being smaller, and in the sense that we can’t expand beds or health stations, it has affected us where students have come and they just could not wait,” he said.

Music major Jonathan Bellairs believes that donating blood is an effective way to help those in need.

“I think it’s an important thing for people to do. It’s a way to help other people; you may not have time or money to give, but you can always give blood,” Bellairs said.

Torrez mentioned that Cerritos is very ef-

fective in gaining blood donations, trailing only behind Cal Poly Pomona as the college leader in donations throughout the state of California.

He credits the reason behind his 18 years of working with the Red Cross to the experiences he has had with his family, citing the need for blood for his mother and father’s heart and cancer treatments, respectively.

“I see blood being used as a benefit for my family members and for them to live a little bit longer.

“I think it is very important seeing it firsthand.”

Student Veterans Club President Chris Markowski is an active donor in the blood drives and enjoys knowing that he is contributing to a good cause.

“I like to donate blood just because I like to know that if any emergency happens, it [Red Cross] at least has my blood on standby,” he said.

Markowski added, “If it is someone else’s blood, so be it.”

Student hurt: Students become aware of collision

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“This is a rare instance,” Bukowiecki added.

Ballesteros disagrees that Anderson was not in violation of any policy, “There were people around me walking at a brisk walk, and [Anderson] was going faster than that.

“He would have hit me even if I was not on a skateboard. If he was driving slower, I would have been able to stop or move out of the way.”

“He would have hit me even if I was not on a skateboard.”

MARCELLA BALLESTEROS
Collision victim

“Obviously [Anderson] was going fast if he couldn’t stop on time. Those carts are not very heavy or hard to stop,” said Culinary Arts major Ivan Moreno.

Culinary Arts major John Creer believes that the sole of the blame for the incident should have been with Anderson.

“He was in the vehicle, just driving in the street. He has to be aware of his surroundings. Some-

one on a skateboard is not going as fast as he is; he should be more aware.”

Cerritos College President Linda Lacy said, “I think it is really important to have the people that drive carts, properly trained. The construction has made it difficult to maneuver around campus.”

While there is already a cart safety program in use at Cerritos College that, according to Johnson, is designed to promote safe use of the carts and has specific suggestions of how to use the carts correctly. Students, like undecided major Cassandra Robar, think more training is in order and students should help make the jobs easier for traffic control officers.

“If they go through training and still hit people, maybe they should have more intensive training, or if they are involved in an accident, they should attend driving school like the rest of us. In the same respect, students need to watch where they are going,” Robar said.



ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ/TM
Losing locks: Undecided major Michelle Casillas volunteered to get her hair cut by hair stylist Kathia Rivera. Many students like Rivera flocked to the Norwalk Civic Center to donate their hair for a good cause.

Haircuts help those in need

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The Cerritos College Cosmetology Department took part in the Locks of Love Hair Drive on Saturday at the Norwalk Civic Center Lawn, near the city hall.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that strives to provide hairpieces for children who are suffering from hair loss caused by medical treatment for any long-term illness.

This is the third year that the Cerritos College Cosmetology Department has taken part in the hair drive, and several students came prepared with their shears and styling tools to collect as many hair donations as possible.

“I’ve never done this before,” said Gina Ortega, a first-year cosmetology student, “We got asked if we wanted to spend our Saturday cutting hair for a good cause, so I said yes.”

Another student, Kathia Rivera, also enjoyed taking part in an event that earned her lab hours, but also supported the Locks of Love organization.

Senate vote: Students vie for seats in ASCC Senate

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stent association with Cerritos College.

“The next day I had sent my [senate] application in, I was getting sponsored by the Student Veterans Club, so that’s kind of how I got into it.

“I just knew that I really want to be involved, I figured this is definitely one way I could,” Ramirez said.

Cerritos College students voted for their candidates and the votes were gathered up and assigned 37 seats to the brand-new senators.

As a new elected senator, Javier Morales, undecided major, wants to take more action in his position to improve the school by listening more to the students.

“I’m mostly going to be here for the students because I’m also a student, and now I actually have a chance to act and make a difference,” Morales said.

Chief Justice of the ASCC, Pitrika Hirani, who worked with the elected senators throughout the campaign, notices a lot of potential within the new senators.

“I think they’re all going to do really well, they’re all really passionate about [senate]. They worked really hard, so whatever they do, they’re going to try their best,” said Hirani.

SCAN TO VIEW



Additional content

Students help clean the beach

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Former Mayor of Huntington Beach and Chair of Cerritos College's Biology Department Connie Boardman, works with the Bolsa Chica Stewards to help preserve and restore the natural habitat on the Bolsa Chica Mesa every third Saturday of the month.

The stewards work with the Bolsa Chica Land Trust, a ten-year multi-million dollar project aimed at restoring 118 acres of Bolsa Chica's wetland and mesa to its natural state. "The stewards remove the non-native plants that are out on the mesa, and we revegetate with native California plants to increase the habitat value for the wildlife. We are trying to recreate what the area looked like 200 years ago," Boardman said.

This important land is in danger of being destroyed. In a recent board meeting, the Huntington Beach City Council voted 5-1 to

change the land-use designation from parkland to residential, despite public outcry.

One of the five council members who voted for the development of housing on the mesa included Keith Bohr, who stated on keithbohr.com, "I support preserving the mesa, its ecological system and its wildlife so the unique nature of our point on the Southern California coast is maintained and its value enhanced for the future."

Bohr has declined several requests for an interview on why he voted in favor of the development.

If you are interested in lending a hand to the Bolsa Chica Stewards, come out to Bolsa Chica State Park on Aug. 18.

The stewards meet across the street from the fire station on Warner off of Pacific Coast Highway. For more information, visit bolsachicalandtrust.org/stewards.



LAURA CHAU/TM

Across the threshold: A pedestrian walkway greets visitors to the Bolsa Chica Mesa. This walkway was funded by the Bolsa Chica Land Trust, a project aimed at restoring the mesa.



STEPHANIE ROMERO/TM

Recruiting: Triathlon Club members Eduardo Castro (right) and Angel Gonzalez (left) spent Club Information Days informing students about their club. The two-day event helped students learn about the various clubs on campus.

Clubs look for new faces

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Cerritos College clubs were out in full force looking for prospective new members to join and get involved on campus.

The two-day event was held Wednesday Sept. 1 and Thursday, Sept. 2 at Falcon Square from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Social Science patio.

On-lookers, like Bryanna Thompson, undecided major, took advantage of Club Information Days and signed up for Kinesiology Club and also looked into American Institute of Graphic Arts Club.

"I'm a freshman this year, so I wanted to get involved

like I was in high school," Thompson said, "The two clubs could help me with my possible future career as either a physical therapist or coaching for tennis and also an art major."

Clubs were handing out flyers, candy, refreshments and sign up sheets to spread the word to students about their clubs.

Cosmetology Club was promoting its department with ten cosmetology students giving out \$2 haircuts and \$1 manicures and eyebrow arches.

Club president, Gina Ortega, says, "Our department is [a little] secluded, so being in this club helps our organization be a part of the rest of Cerritos College and get involved with other events and show students what we have to offer."

New client of the Cosmetology Club Jonathan Galicia, physical therapy major, received a haircut. "I love it, once I see myself in the mirror and see how good it looks, I'll be coming back to get my hair cut more often."

Not only does each club work independently, the fall semester also brings clubs together with homecoming. Clubs participate in the building of homecoming floats that are presented during halftime of the homecoming football game. Each club float is entered in a competition and is eligible to win awards.

Students are also encouraged to "link-up." According to the Cerritos College iFalcon website, successful students make connections with academic communities and surround themselves with focused scholars and mentors.

For active club students like Triathlon Club member and computer science major, Christopher DeMaree, being in a club has benefitted his overall studies.

"Being in this club has kept me on the campus longer so it gives me more excuses to be around school and actually do my work, I feel my grades have improved."



Discount movie tickets available

ASCC serves as a box office to any interested student.

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The Student Activities Office, located next to the bookstore, is currently selling movie tickets.

The tickets range from \$6.00-6.50 each, and students can pick them up from Student Activities Secretary Nikki Jones on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"A lot of students don't know ASCC sells them until they come in here and ask me a question, and then they see the sign," says Jones.

The tickets available as of right now are for AMC and Pacific theaters.

Tickets for Regal and Edwards theaters will be available within three weeks.

The Regal/Edwards ticket prices

increased to \$6.50 each, however the AMC and Pacific theatres will remain \$6 each.

ASCC President Felipe Grimaldo has bought tickets before and has had a very good experience.

"Buying the tickets was really helpful cause we do get the student discount. It's even better and a convenience cause we can get them here at ASCC and we don't have to worry about standing in line."

Areal Hughes, deaf interpretation major, also enjoys buying tickets from ASCC.

"I got mine from Nikki Jones and when I got there I asked myself, 'how do I use this? I've never used this before.'"

Rodney Lozano, automotive major, has not yet purchased tickets but still likes the idea that the option is available. "I think it's awesome that you can buy tickets whenever you want to buy them," Lozano said.

All ticket sales are final and there are no expiration dates and only cash is accepted.

Drop off: Construction project set to end in December

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drop-off zone they should build a parking lot...A drop-off zone takes like 30 seconds and finding parking takes about 20 minutes."

Although the project is slated to continue until December, Riffle is confident that it will be done sooner.

"At this point, the schedule is less than 45 days," said Riffle. "but it will be ready for the beginning of the spring semester."

"We're hoping that people will navigate toward

"I think that it's a good thing because it will help clear up traffic."

JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ
Nursing major

"That way, those can be used for staff or student parking."

The construction project itself is just one step in the Facility Master Plan, a long-term project to renovate the campus.

The total cost for the project is \$297,000.

Funding is coming from the General Obligation Bond, which is a municipal bond that allows the state fund Cerritos College so it can improve the campus.

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EDITORIAL

Fast travel, but at what cost

Damaged property, broken bones, lost time and lawsuits are only some of the repercussions that may be caused by the lack of responsibility some have for safety at our school.

In light of a recent collision on campus between two individuals, we must all listen to the wake-up call and observe safer habits while using alternative means of transportation.

Whether a college student, staff or faculty member, everyone moving about the campus has a responsibility to protect oneself and others from harm.

Although methods of transportation, such as skateboards, roller blades and bicycles, are not technically allowed on campus, there are still some travelers who utilize time-saving mediums to get around.

Being that we find ourselves preoccupied with college-related matters, among other things, faster forms of travel, especially, need to be accompanied by a proactive mentality concerning the safety of those around us.

This is a campus shared by over 23,000 students who must considerately share all avenues and walkways allotted to them.

Precautions must be taken before rounding a corner or zooming past an area, no matter how sparsely populated it is, in order to avoid hurting anyone.

With everything students have the responsibility to carry out, the last thing to get in the way should be a preventable injury.

There are laws that govern the roadways, to reduce distractions while increasing safety, like not being able to text or listen to loud music. Such regulations do not formally exist for pedestrian travel.

Common sense must then be used to guide us. With a little extra effort, we could all lend a hand and feel safe moving from class to class.

So think twice before racing around dangerously past classmates, and give plenty of room to those who may not see you on your way to your next destination.

A simple, "excuse me", can help clear a safe path while passing through crowds or by those traveling more slowly.

Running late can also encourage unsafe behavior so plan ahead to include a reasonable amount of time to travel to places on campus.

Wearing only one earphone is a small sacrifice as we lend an ear to the safety of our peers.

In the end we have all been taught ways to be safe in the past. As our elders always advised us, look both ways or someone may end up hurt.



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All must respect the right to free speech

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." These are the words of French writer and historian, Voltaire, who was an inspiration to many of America's founding fathers.

There has been a wave of campus demonstrations, this time by a peaceful Christian group that held signs and passed out literature a few weeks ago.

The hostility shown to the group was quite surprising. There was a lack of respect some people exhibited toward the right of free speech and that this is ethically wrong.

There was plenty of shouting, slander, and arguing in the short time I observed the group.

This is not to say that the freedom of speech leaves no room for disagreement and debate. What was really missing was the inability or unwillingness of some to extend the privilege of courteous recognition of the right of others to speak freely.

James Broman, a member of the Christian group, told me that members try to bring their message to Cerritos at least once per year, and have generally not had much trouble in doing so.

He said they are not trying to recruit or convert anyone, and merely want to tune people in to Christianity. They don't visit campuses to debate with people or to stir up trouble, but to simply share the truth.

That's just it, we all believe we know the truth.

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If you're Muslim, the Koran is likely your truth. If you're Jewish, the Torah may be your truth. If you're an atheist, perhaps you regard Bertrand Russell's works as truth.

All of these so-called truths, however, represent different ways of seeing and responding to the world. If anything is true, it's that there are over 6.6 billion people on earth, and every one of us views things differently.

The framers of our constitution were well aware of this fact, and decided to preserve everyone's right to be unique and to believe different things by adopting the very First Amendment to The Constitution.

It guarantees every United States citizen's rights to freedom of religion, the press, assembly, the ability to petition the government for a redress of grievances, and perhaps most importantly, to freely speak.

How lucky we are to live in a country where you are free to express your opinion till the cows come home, no matter how obviously wrong or imbecilic

the things you choose to say may seem.

In fact, this article would not be possible without the First Amendment protections of my rights to both speak freely and utilize the press.

Consider also, the fact that without these rights, none of us would have the opportunity to receive a liberal education at any college or university in the United States. The First Amendment protects our right to not only speak our own minds, but to listen to and contemplate the speech of others and learn from it.

We should all be celebrating the fact that the fundamental rights to free speech, assembly, a free press, and association are still relatively alive and well.

Groups with widely differing opinions make their presence known at Cerritos all the time.

From the LaRouche Democrats, who famously spread an article with a picture of President Obama sporting a Hitler-esque mustache that became so pervasive it was even addressed by the student government last spring, to the Green Peace representatives who collect signatures to help save the planet, must all be allowed to express themselves.

It's all protected speech under the First Amendment, and for that, we should all be thankful to our ancestors who fought and died to preserve, protect, and defend these rights for us, their posterity.

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"I think it's a really good idea".



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graphic design major
"It opens up a lot of room and less congestion in the teachers' parking lot. I think it's a good idea."



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VICTOR ANGEL
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Artists convert ammunition into ingenuity

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A new art exhibit, “Neither Swords Nor Plowshares,” is on full display at the Cerritos College Art Gallery, which began on Monday and ends on Oct. 14.

The art show adopts the concepts exerted by the biblical saying, “...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,” Isaiah 2:4, King James Version.

This is the idea of the reconstruction of destructive weapons into common tools, which are much more civilian and innocent.

The artful pieces demonstrate this notion, along with the reverse perspective: the conversion of common tools into weapons.

They also express the much broader contemporary interest in simulation by turning one material into another with a radically different purpose.

Nasreen Sarvi, a Psychology major, said after observing the show, “The art was really strange, but in a very interesting way.

“The ways in which the artists made one thing from something else totally different are amazing,” Sarvi said.

These transformative presentations are what make the exhibit truly unique.

Each artist’s manifestation of the show’s concept is creative in its own manner.

A quintessential example would be the feature piece of the show, “The Trigger Finger of Santa Guerra,” by artist Al Farrow.

The piece is a reliquary, which is a religious container of relics used by some cultures.

The piece also has a twist: it is constructed almost entirely of real guns and bullets.

The odd takes on these traditional items that are meant to make the audience question the relationship between the object beforehand and the product after its reworking by the artist, and how relative its use really is.

Other prime examples include a homemade sentry turret; an entire tool kit, complete with a worktable, made of nothing but paper and cardboard; and even a full replica of a 19th century British colonial cannon constructed completely out of papier-mâché Iraq War documents.

“Neither Swords Nor Plowshares” is filled with innovative pieces of this nature.

James MacDevitt is the director of Cerritos’ art gallery and the curator of this particular show.

“I don’t want to see art as this isolated, independent discipline, but rather as something that actually confronts the issues that we all deal with, living life in this contemporary, mixed-up world.

“I try to get a variety of artists to explore those ideas,” MacDevitt explained.

The north section of the gallery holds a small, secondary three-person show called “Simultaneous Inversions.”

This exhibit showcases a handful of creative pieces that play with light and shadow.

“Neither Swords Nor Plowshares” and the smaller “Simultaneous Inversions” are open for viewing, Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and every night Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.



LAURA CHAU/TM

The price is right?: Student artist Sean O'Brien (left) and a prospective buyer (right) talk about the intricacies of his untitled paintings. O'Brien worked on the larger features in a simple manner before moving on to his smaller, more complex details.

Students display at DTLA

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The stage was set at the Regent Theatre in Downtown, Los Angeles for a fine art exhibition hosted by students and instructors of the Cerritos College Art Department, on Thursday.

A total of 40 students contributed an estimated 100 pieces to the untitled show as a part of the Downtown Los Angeles Art Walk, an event held once a month in which galleries and businesses display works by local artists.

Gallery Row, comprised of more than 35 art galleries on Main and Spring Streets, attracts more than 10,000 visitors on the second Thursday of every month, as stated on the event website.

According to Hagop Najarian, Art and Design Department chair, this is the first time Cerritos students have exhibited works at the Downtown Art Walk.

“To remember this as a first opportunity to show is really great. It’s such an inclusive venue to let in a lot of folks, and I’ve heard some [students] are selling their work, so that’s even better.”

Computer animation major Galileo Gonzalez was the only student to make a sale.

His piece, “Phase 2-

Variant,” part of a three-painting series reflecting Gonzalez’ take on working the graveyard shift, sold for \$125 to an individual who introduced himself as “Michael Scott.”

“It means a lot [to sell a piece] because it’s the [Downtown] Art Walk—enough said,” Gonzalez declared.

Despite receiving offers from prospective buyers, some students found it difficult to part with their works.

Graphic Design major Rousaint Rosales declined to sell his oil painting, “Gangsta Chick,” an experimental piece featuring the intricate detail of a tattoo on a woman’s back, relaying to the potential customer that the piece is “unfinished.”

Tori McPetrie, first-time guest at the Downtown Art Walk, was drawn to the piece, because, “When you walked by it, it was like a snapshot.”

Despite going home empty handed, McPetrie took some time to discuss the piece with Rosales. “Of all the pieces here, [‘Gangsta Chick’] felt the most personal. Maybe the fact that it’s unfinished is what’s beautiful, because that allows you to fill it in.”

Along with their students’ works, faculty members also displayed their own pieces.

Painting instructor Rebecca Guzak contributed five of her own original works to the show.

“Not in Kansas Anymore,” a large-scale oil painting of the cast of characters from “The Wizard of Oz,” remains her favorite.

“I can’t sleep without it,” Guzak said, clutch-

ing her fist to her chest, “I think it’s like my masterpiece.”

Guzak created the painting after undergoing a “life-changing” surgery she says left her feeling “like a child.”

“It represents a ‘rite of passage’—no matter how long I worked on Dorothy, she just kept looking like me when I was a little girl.”

Aside from being proud of the students who contributed to the show, Guzak expressed gratitude to her pupils for scouting venues at which to host exhibitions.

Gena Linden, one of Guzak’s painting students, received a one-time offer from her brother-in-law, Robin Linden, contractor for Hansolo Building Services and owner of the building, to host an art exhibit.

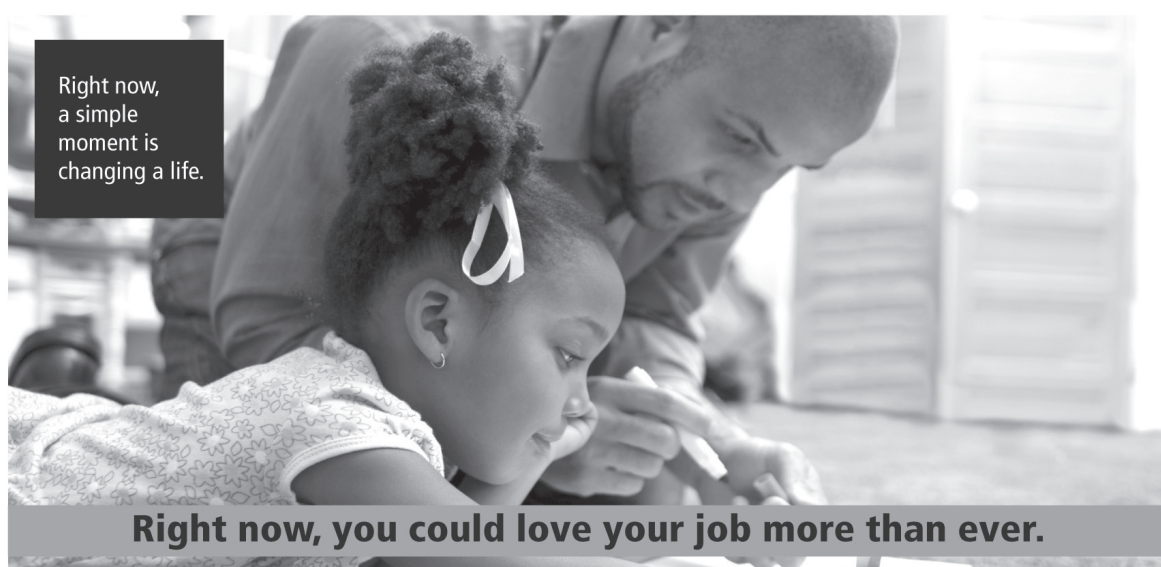
Guzak relates, “First [Gena] came to me and asked me if I wanted to do it, and then she said it was such a large space, and I said ‘how about having all the students do it?’”

Guzak hopes to fundraise with her class and rent a spot on Gallery Row to be a part of future Downtown Art Walk events.

“I’d like to have a space down here all the time for students to work and display their paintings—that would be really exciting.”

If successful in reserving a site for a future show, Najarian has volunteered his band to provide entertainment.

“It would be great to have musicians here next time around; a free show is a great opportunity to show the kids what we do.”



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Concert is held to remember 9/11

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The Cerritos College Community Band held a concert at the Cerritos Civic Center on Sept. 11, to remember the lives that were lost at the World Trade Center in New York.

The mayor and members of the Cerritos City Council provided this patriotic event, which was made free and open to the public.

Dr. David Betancourt, instructor for the Cerritos College Community Band, put together an American theme. All of the songs were by American composers, according to

Jeanette Martinez, a Music major at Cerritos College.

Martinez also commented about the mood of the music, “A lot was patriotic, so it was something you could snap your fingers to or whistle to.

“He was trying to make everybody lifted, in celebration rather than in mourning.”

Michael Herrera, Music major, was one of the students who performed at the concert and had a positive view toward this day.

“It’s not really a time when I mourn death. It’s more like I celebrate life,” he said.

All over the United States citizens mourned the loss of thousands

of people.

Janet Cisneros, music education major, said, “We should commemorate 9/11 by supporting our soldiers and being good citizens.”

The band tried to lift spirits as it provided patriotic music, a Shrek melody and even music from Star Wars.

“The music was very upgoing,” Martinez said, and that is what the Cerritos College Community Band was striving for.

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“BITE-SIZE PAYMENT PLAN”

Two-time drafted Falcon declines offer

The Cerritos Falcons’ former designated hitter Joe Terry transfered to Cal State Fullerton despite getting drafted by in the eighth round.

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Former Cerritos College baseball player Joe Terry was drafted by two major league baseball organizations, yet he still chose to attend college before making the decision to go pro.

Terry, a former standout at Long Beach Poly High School was voted the team’s Most Valuable Player as a senior, and also earned the team’s Hitter Award as a junior.

“He wasn’t a very verbal leader because he was still trying to decide whether he wanted to play baseball or basketball but he went out there and led by example. He had such hunger, and such ambition on the diamond, he was a good model for everyone,” Long Beach Poly baseball coach Toby Hess said.

Hess became the head baseball coach at Poly during Terry’s junior year.

“He is the best combination of power and speed that I’ve seen. He and [former Jackrabbit teammate] Brent Tani carried an offense that didn’t hit well,” Hess said.

Terry was not heavily scouted and did not receive any scholarship offers out of high school so he decided to go to Cerritos.

He had a productive freshman season, and was named All-American, All-Southern California Conference, and the South Coast Conference Player of the Year.

He was then drafted in the 17th round by the Seattle Mariners’ organization in the 2009 MLB draft. He led the team in batting average, hits, runs, doubles, triples, home runs, RBI, total bases, and slugging percentage.

His 14 triples sealed a new team record, breaking a 25-year-old record set by Ron Ewart in 1985. As a team, the Falcons advanced to the Southern California Regional Playoffs before being eliminated by Mt. San Jacinto College.

Terry was unavailable for comment.

While mostly used at second and third base, he has had experience in the outfield.

“Joe was just a really talented player with all the tools you need to play the game. He was always on the field before games, practicing. I began teaching him the outfield positions, and while he did struggle with them

at first, he kept practicing and improved,” Rochester Honkers’ coach Ryan Ruiz said.

Terry was named the team’s most valuable player after batting .462, with 43 hits, and two homers.

After not signing with the Mariners, he returned to Cerritos for his sophomore season.

He was out for 16 games after suffering a shoulder injury, and consequently, he had lower numbers after returning in mid April. His batting average dropped from .426 to .357. He was moved to designated hitter after the injury.

“He is an outstanding hitter but after his injury, his draft stock dropped,” Cerritos College baseball coach Ken Gaylord said. Following his sophomore season, he went to Rochester to play for the Rochester Honkers in the Northwoods League, a summer collegiate league.

He had a .350 batting average with 10 homeruns and 42 RBI.

Terry was drafted in the eighth round of the 2010 MLB Draft by the Chicago White Sox. If he had signed, it is likely he would have been optioned to the Great Falls Voyagers of the Pioneer Baseball League.

He is going to attend and play at Cal State Fullerton.

“He wants to go to college, and get his degree for him and his family,” Gaylord said.

Terry is the highest drafted Falcon since Eric Boardman was chosen by the New York Yankees in the fourth Round of the 1995 draft. He is also the third Cerritos player to be drafted by the Chicago White Sox, along with outfielder Greg Moyer and catcher Jesse Baez .



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Drafted: Former Falcons’ designated hitter, Joe Terry, at bat during a game last season. Despite being drafted in the 17th round his freshman year and in the eith round last year he decided to transfered to Cal State Fullerton.

Men’s soccer continues undefeated streak

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Goalkeeper for Cerritos College, Jhovany Hernandez, made three saves on the day as he didn’t let any balls slip away from his hands while he was tending the home net in Friday’s 3-0 win against Golden West College.

Cerritos College was coming off a win and couple of ties from the Hartnell Tournament and looked to keep the ball rolling and get another win.

Despite ending its last two games in ties, Cerritos’ soccer team remained undefeated in the season.

The Falcons scored two goals in the first half, on Friday, leaving Golden West without an answer ,even though there were five shots attempted against Cerritos.

Another goal was made by the Falcons, which gave them a 3-0 lead in the second half.

Hernandez said, “Overall the result we wanted was to come out victorious; a 3-0 win is clear that we outplayed the opponent.”

After the 27th minute of the first half, forward No. 23 Aaron Macedo had the ball and made an assist to forward No. 7 Ruben Gonzalez.

In the Cerritos College press release on Friday, head coach Benny Artiaga said, “It was good to see Ruben notch his first goal [this season]. Big things are expected from him and it was nice to see him get on the scoreboard.”

Hernandez added, “I’m happy for the boys; we all put in work and it’s the first victory of many [to come].”

Forward No. 9 Cesar Castillo

received a pass by Macedo making it the second assist of the game for Macedo.

Castillo saw the opportunity in the 35th minute and scored the second for the Falcons.

“We were ready as a team, and by the end of the day, all that matters is that we won, I think we played well as a team,” said Castillo.

Artiaga goes on to say in a press release, “I was really happy with the way we played defensively.”

With the reliable offense scoring against Golden West by Cerritos, its defense was keeping the ball from reaching goalkeeper Hernandez.

Artiaga adds, “Our goalkeeping and our backline continue their solid play and we can only get better.”



ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ/TM

Defense: Cerritos College men’s soccer’s starting forward Ruben Gonzalez (stripped shirt) fights for possession of the ball during Friday’s game against Golden West College. Cerritos’ defense held Golden West to zero points through the game.

The Falcons soar to victory over Conference rival Palomar

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After ending two consecutive seasons with losses to South Coast Conference opponent Palomar College (1-1), the Cerritos College football team was looking for some retribution.

The first play from scrimmage was not what the Falcons were expecting.

Palomar quarterback Nate Ong connected with sophomore receiver Jevon Reynolds for a 67-yard touchdown.

However, the Falcons would settle down, and both teams began a shoot-out in which they would accumulate over 500 yards in the first half.

Falcons’ quarterback Kane Wilson completed 18 passes on 24 attempts. He threw for 248 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Dion Curry.

Cerritos led 20-17 going into the half. The Falcons’ defense would step up and control the Comets’ offensive attack, holding them to 117 yards in the second half.

Safety Keith McGill had a big game statistically after intercepting two passes.

He also had five tackles and a forced fumble. McGill

returned the interceptions for a total of 67 yards.

“I just wanted to let everything come to me,” McGill said.

Linebacker David Lopez also added to the production of the defense recording 11 tackles.

The Falcons’ backfield would carry the majority of the offensive load for the rest of the game.

Running back Daveon Barner led the team in rushing with 89 yards on 16 carries and a touchdown. Freshman Cory Westbrook got his first action of the season, rushing for 56 yards.

“Cory and I have a lot of chemistry from Poly [Long Beach Poly High School], and it just came naturally so we just kept it going,” Barner said.

The Falcons will take on the Long Beach City College Vikings (2-0) on Saturday at Falcon Stadium.

Head coach Frank Mazzotta was a member of the 1962 LBCC National Championship team. Mazzotta isn’t the only Falcon who was a former Viking. Barner played at LBCC last season, but he isn’t intimidated at all.

“When we play LBCC, it will be just like any other school and like any other game,” Barner said.

The Falcons currently posses the annual Cross Town Cup, a trophy given to the winner of the game, and they hold the all-time amount of wins between the teams at a record of 28-22-1.

Volleyball falls second to Arizona’s Yavapai College

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The Falcons finished in second place in the 2010 Cuyamaca Volleyball Tournament after losing in two games, the first with a score of 16-25 and the second at 14-25, to Arizona’s Yavapai College in the finals.

“Playing Yavapai was good for our players because we now know how we match up against bigger teams. We have to keep working on our blocking and defense,” Head Coach Teresa Velasquez-Ortega said.

Yavapai College, a Div-I community college, went 4-0 on the day.

Sophomore outside hitter Haley Shackelford of Yavapai College was named the tournament’s most valuable player, with 38 kills, two aces, one block, and 19 digs.

Both Shackelford, and teammate Natasha Ray were both named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Falcons had an All-Tournament player, as well. Freshman setter Jessika Suesoff made the team

after posting eight assists in the finals.

Sophomore Channele Puou led the team with four kills in the finals, bringing her season total to 40 wins.

The team had a 5-3 tournament record. The Falcons opened pool play with three wins against San Diego City College, scoring 25-18, 21-25 and 17-15, and two games over Cuyamaca, scoring 25-15 and 25-20.

The bitter defeat came from Mt. San Jacinto with the Falcons losing three games at 25-20, 25-22 and 15-12. “We played a good tournament. We tried to rotate everyone in and let everyone play to get experience,” Velasquez-Ortega said.

This was evident in the loss to Mt. San Jacinto, when 11 players scored at least one kill.

The Falcons will travel to Fullerton today to take on the Hornets, who are coming off of a big win after sweeping Palomar College.

“The [Fullerton] game will be a good one. It will be challenging but we will continue to work on our serve-receive [drills],” Velazquez-Ortega said.