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Depression: the ugly truth

Depression rate among college students rising higher than ever

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The depression rate for college students has increased by 17 percent within the past five years. What is the cause to this rise? According to Cerritos student Stephanie Do, business administration major, the answer is obvious: the economy.

"My mom was laid off, my dad was laid off and I don't have a job," Do said. "Only one person in my house is employed."

When realizing the everyday stress of college life in addition to the financial worries that students like Do must deal with, her thoughts seem so much more valid.

According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, the current economic recession began in 2007, which was around the same time depression rates began to shoot up.

Today, a survey conducted by Centers for Disease Control has confirmed that one out of every four college students suffer from some type of mental illness, including more than one-third of whom suffered from major depression.

Concerned about this information, more than 500 colleges nationwide offered screenings for depression and other related disorders on Oct. 7, National Depression Screening Day.

The screenings offered were free and anonymous, consisting of a questionnaire, which could possibly determine a student's risk for such disorders, available to be completed online or at a participating campus.

Although Cerritos College did not take part in this national event, Student Health Services offers mental wellness services throughout the year.

"We didn't actually do [screen-

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19%

Of young people contemplate suicide each year.

66%

Of young people do not talk or seek help for depression.

25%

Of college students suffer from some sort of diagnosed mental illness.

66%

Of young people with a substance-use disorder have concurring mental health problems.

44%

Of American college students report feeling symptoms of depression.

80%

Of young people that contemplate or attempt suicide exhibit warning signs.

*According to beliefnet.com

Police operation catches texting drivers off guard

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The Norwalk Sheriff's Department conducted a distracted driving operation at the intersection of Alondra Boulevard and Studebaker Road on Tuesday to bring awareness about cell phone usage while driving and enforce the law by handing out citations to offenders.

Sergeant Marc Burruss was one of two spotters for the 11 officers in marked and unmarked vehicles, ready

to pounce on his queue.

"There's a statewide effort right now to cut down on distracted driving," Burruss said. "There've been a lot of accidents, we've seen an increase in accidents [from] people text messaging and talking on cell phones."

Erik Tostado, economics major, said, "People have to be responsible of what they do while they're driving. It feels good to know that they're actually starting to do that now."

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Tongue tied: Drivers who were talking on their phones were pulled over Tuesday on the corner of Studebaker Road and Alondra Boulevard, in a police operation intended to crack down on drivers talking on their cell phones while driving.

New dean position combines two departments on campus

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Pending Board of Trustees approval, Cerritos College will announce a new dean position coming fall 2010.

According to Dr. Monica Bellas, the chair of the Anthropology Department, Cerritos College President Linda Lacy sent an e-mail out last week informing the Social Sciences Department that Bryan Reece was tapped for the position.

"We were puzzled because we hadn't heard anything about it before," Bellas said.

With the Humanities and Social Sciences Department seemingly out of a dean, the question became who would lead the division.

Due to budget cuts, the position, according to Lacy, was going to have to be filled in house.

"There needs to be someone there to coordinate the plan we have and make sure the work gets done," Lacy said.

Bellas said, "We were informed by President Lacy that Humanities

Social Sciences would be combined with the Business Department, and that the current dean of Business, Rachael Mason, will take on both the Humanities/Social Sciences and Business divisions."

Lacy said, "We have been working on this since August and our No. 1 goal is student success. I am impressed with the faculty [members], they are all engaging, every single one of them."

The reason as to why the official position, job title and job description are remaining confidential is because the board has yet to approve any of them.

"The board is aware we are doing it and is in full support," Lacy said.

Bryan Reece, the current dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, said, "Reforming the [Learning Resource Center] has been going on since 2006. It started as a conversation in the faculty senate and continued through three different presidential terms of faculty senate."

According to Reece the idea for a LRC dean position is a direct result of the Development Education

Committee that brought outside consultants from Chaffey College, a school that has successfully revamped its basic skills program.

While not many details about the position have been released, President Lacy shared the plan to create the position:

1. Create the dean of Academic Success and institutional effectiveness.

2. Recognize current administration structure and accomplish goals without adding administrative positions.

3. Recognize, based on a fair and equitable distribution of duties and workload.

While the decision is not official, Bellas feels the division has no say-so in its future. "As a department, we all work really well together. While we are all on board with student success, we don't agree with the process, it feels very Vela-like," (former Cerritos College President).

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NEWS BRIEFS

Cerritos ready for earthquake drill

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Practice makes perfect. Get ready to drop, cover, and hold on for The Great California Shake Out on Oct. 21 at 10:21 a.m. to promote awareness of earthquake safety.

Nearly eight million people have registered to participate in the drill to prepare for the big one.

According to the website Shakeout.org, it was the largest earthquake drill ever when it began in southern California 2008, with 5.4 million participants.

Clubs help with ASCC food drive

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The ASCC is holding a food drive competition in which clubs can compete for a prize.

The competition runs from Oct. 18 to Nov. 18 at noon. The winners will be announced and prizes will be given out at the ASCC fall semester awards banquet.

The Student Activities Office is asking that if students are going to donate, they check the expiration date before bringing in donations. Nancy Bonilla, Student Activities Office receptionist, offered an alternative for clubs who may have trouble getting food donations.

"People can donate money if they want to, like a dollar would count like a can," she said.

All donations must be turned in to the Student Activities Office before 4:15 p.m.

Workshop helps with Microsoft program

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The Microsoft Access 2007 Workshop took place Oct. 13 in LC 121.

The event, held by Mauricio Borge, taught how to create an access table and how to use data in the table to print labels.

The workshop varied from the different records that can be kept in Access, as well as applying various fields to create labels and narrow certain searches.

"It helps keep records for students and with the Access program, they can make labels to send information for students or what city or zip code the students live in," Amparo Atherton, a technology trainer, said.



What's next?: Whittier College Admissions Counselor Gabriel Chabaran assisted students like English major Natasha Majano during the University Mega Fair on Oct. 13. Representatives from various colleges and universities attended the fair to assist Cerritos students who are looking to transfer.

College reps visit Cerritos

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Child development major Daisy Triana explored Falcon Square last Wednesday despite the heat, taking advantage of talking to representatives from universities during the Cerritos College University Mega Fair.

She was almost certain of where she would transfer to after getting a look at what many schools have to offer.

"Now I'm more decided on going to [Cal State] Dominguez Hills because it has a good program for child development," Triana said.

On hand were representatives from both private and public institutions; Californian universities and even some out-of-state schools ready to show Cerritos students what they have to offer.

Brittany Lundeen, Transfer Center co-director, was present to address students who had any questions about the Mega Fair.

According to Lundeen, the Counseling department and the Transfer Center are organizing a 'transfer push', sending emails to students at Cerritos who appear on the computer system as

transfer-ready.

"We've invited them to come in for either an application workshop if they've already seen a counselor, or to come in for some specific workshop just to talk about whether they are ready to transfer, if they're not sure yet.

"We have at least one application workshop a week for every student for all the Cal State workshops and the UC's as well as, of course, our usual tours," Lundeen said.

Pilar M. Simi, outreach officer for Cal State Dominguez Hills, wanted students to know that they're still open for the spring.

"If [students] are still interested in applying to Dominguez for our spring term, which starts in January, we are still open.

"Students do have to meet the regular requirements. They need to have their 60 transferable units and a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average."

Students were bustling from table to table, taking notes, picking up brochures and asking questions.

Some representatives were former students, serving as testimonies to their respective school's credibility.

Jackie Sorensen, a representative for the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, graduated last year with an Associates degree in visual communications.

"Students learn how to brand themselves. I have my own logo, my own business card and my own portfolio," Sorensen said.

"I can show them this is who I am, this is what I learned," Sorensen said.

According to Lundeen, Cerritos is planning to hold a Mini Fair in November.

"The biggest misconception [about transferring] probably is that you have to have a 4.0 to get to the university that you want to get into," Lundeen said.

"But there's still a lot of universities that you can get into. For example, at Dominguez Hills, you can get in with a 2.0. There are quite a few of the UC's that you can get into with a 3.0 or a 2.8 even.

"There are a lot of opportunities for students. They need to kind of think outside the box and maybe go beyond our local area."

Police: Norwalk police cracking down on texting while driving

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Burruss said that earlier that morning, he observed a woman with a sandwich in one hand, texting with her other hand, turning right from Alondra Boulevard onto Studebaker Road using her knees.

"Basically, [people] are inattentive when they're driving and they're not paying attention. It's causing people to get hurt," Burruss said.

Cerritos College student Alexandria Vega said she went to eat with her father at Del Taco and when they were driving to Cerritos they saw the operation in motion.

"We were like, 'Oh my God, look at all these people getting pulled over.' We counted at least five," Vega said.

"Obviously, that's a good way to get them all. People text and drive all the time," she added.

Although Cerritos College students often commute the intersection, Burruss said that the location of the operation was not specifically to crack down on students.

"We actually choose this intersection in this area based on the layout, so we can conduct traffic stops. Some of the other areas in the city have three lanes, so when you go to do a traffic stop you have to shut down the entire lane.

"What we were looking for was safety for our officers, actually," Burruss said.

The operation was conducted from about 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sergeant Ralph Gama of the Norwalk Sheriff's Department said that there is usually a command post at a shopping area.

Gama also mentioned that on Oct. 5 the department conducted an operation in La Mirada, handing out 179 tickets in one day, leading to around \$150 in fines for each individual caught.

Vega admitted to using her cell phone while she drives.

"I try my best not to do it because it's scary, especially when it's raining outside. It's not safe because it does cause a lot of accidents," Vega said.



Don't move! Nursing major Lakeysa Smith anxiously winces while she prepares for a shot from Certified Medical Assistant Amber Haskert. Student Health Services is offering \$5 flu shots for students who are interested.

Cerritos Health Services gets students ready for flu season

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The Student Health and Wellness Center is offering flu shots for students and faculty. The price is \$5 for Cerritos students and \$15 to faculty and staff.

November to April is mainly marked as flu season and nurse Nancy Montgomery is the person in charge of the program. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institute of Health are helping the Student Health Center in providing the flu vaccine.

"The shots include H1N1, H2N3 and Brisbane. Everyone is supposed to get one out of three shots, compared to last year which included two shots from three of them," Montgomery said.

Serena Elvers, business major, said, "I want to have the flu shot to be safe from influenza, and I think it's cheap here compared to other stores."

"The vaccine the health center is providing is much

cheaper compared to the one offered at CVS pharmacies, taking into consideration to every student and faculty [members]," Montgomery said.

"It's good that our college is providing flu shots, but it would be great if they were free. Many students won't pay to get shots," Louis Valladolid, business major, said.

There are many students who disagree with the flu shot. Ben Salazar, English major, says, "I don't agree with the flu shot. I know many people who had their flu shot and have more health complications and many who haven't had their flu shots have had a good life."

Other students also had similar kinds of thoughts about getting the vaccine. "I don't want to get a flu shot as I have a good metabolism," Amarist Estela, English major said.

Leonor Hernandez, nursing major, says, "I am a Veteran and my medical needs are met elsewhere, off campus, but I think everyone should get the flu shot, as it's spreading rapidly.."

New law targets online bullying

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A new law signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger makes it a misdemeanor to maliciously impersonate someone online and it will go into effect Jan. 1, 2011.

So what does this mean to the estimated 85 percent of students that have accounts on Facebook and other social networking sites?

Does it mean that the next time, someone changes his friend's status update to say, "I like to wear women's clothes on weekends," the impersonator will get tossed in the slammer?

People found guilty of violating the law can be subjected to face criminal charges and up to a \$1,000 fine as well as up to a year in prison.

The bill's author, State Senator Joe Simitian, said in a statement, "Pretending to be someone else online takes no more web savvy than posting comments on a web forum under that person's name. When it is done to cause harm, folks need a law on the books that they can turn to. Senate Bill 1411 brings California's impersonation laws into the 21st century by addressing, 'The dark side of the social networking revolution.'"

This law is designed to cut down on cyber bullying, like in the case of Elizabeth Thrasher, who was charged with posting a 17-year-old girl's photo, e-mail and mobile number to the adult section of Craigslist after engaging in an argument last year.

While the law is aimed at aiding situations like Thrasher's to not occur, it is not limited to just social networking sites like Craigslist and Facebook.

According to the law, it is also unlawful to, "Knowingly and without consent credibly impersonate another person through or on an Internet website or by other electronic means with the intent to harm, intimidate, threaten or defraud another person."

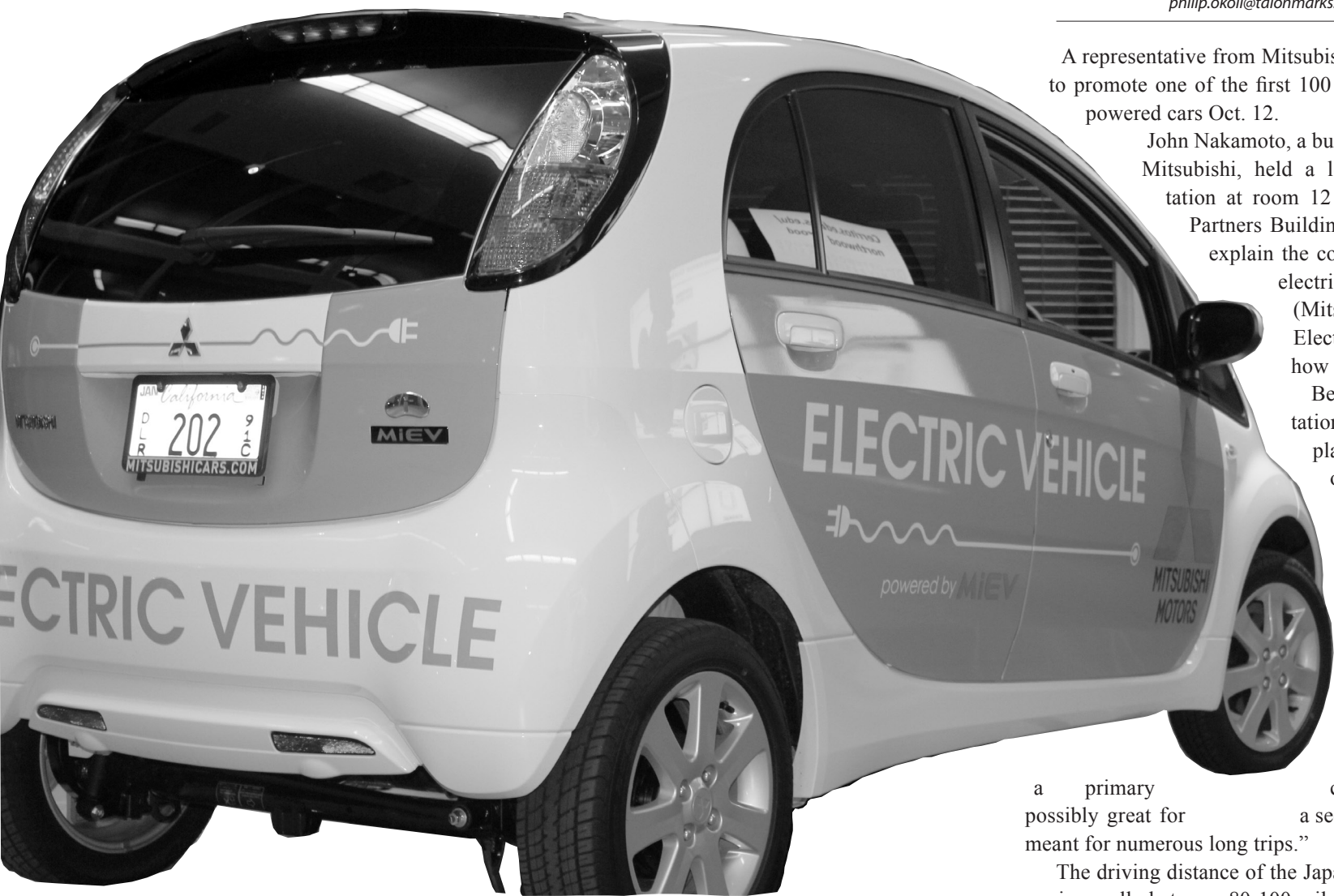
Undecided major Edith Ordonez thinks that the law is coming at the perfect time. "With all the bullying you are hearing about these days, this law couldn't have come at a better time, people are killing themselves because of some of the bullying, someone should help protect them."

While most students seem to be in favor of the new law, there are some who believe more work is to be done to distinguish between online bullying and online fun.

"This law seems to be good, but it would depend on the situation. It can help protect people from online bullying, but what if you are just messing around with your friend online? It should be able to protect those people, too," undecided major, Carolina Carrillo, said..

Electric car shocks Cerritos

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Plugged in: The Mitsubishi iMiEV was displayed at the Automotive Partners Building showroom. It runs solely on electric power.

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Credit workshop leads to low student turnout

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All three students that stuck around until the end of the Use of Credit workshop, held last Tuesday in the Business Education Building, hailed it as informative and helpful.



The speaker, Heena Shah, a professional financial planner with the Financial Planning Association, sought to guide and inform the students on the proper use of credit.

“I want to teach them what’s up and make them aware of the things out there that could hurt [their credit],” Shah says.

She lectured on the impact of improper credit use, especially on college students. “Every year, credit card delinquency in the student demographic increases and

new laws try to target this age group to get this issue under control.”

With only six students showing up and three staying until the end, Shah declares that even if she spoke to one student, she would still feel she had done a good thing.

Shah says she is appalled by the lack of financial awareness and general irresponsibility of students.

“Credit is used so loosely now that we have cultivated this credit card culture amongst adults as well as young people. So now there are kids amassing up to \$20,000 in debt.”

Alejandra Novoa, psychology and English double major, was surprised to find out her credit score could be negatively affected by closing inactive bank accounts. “I didn’t know I could actually build on my credit history with an account I don’t even use.”

Shah wrapped up her talk with an admonishment to college students, stating they should invest more interest in their finances and use of credit.

A representative from Mitsubishi came on campus to promote one of the first 100 percent electrically powered cars Oct. 12.

John Nakamoto, a business developer for Mitsubishi, held a lecture-type presentation at room 12 in the Automotive Partners Building to talk about and explain the company’s new, fully electric car, the iMiEV (Mitsubishi integrated Electronic Vehicle), and how it runs.

Before the presentation, Nakamoto explained, “It’s been out in Japan for a year and will be released in Europe next month. But as for the U.S., it will be released next year.”

Also, he mentioned that this isn’t necessarily perfect as a car by stating, “It’s

a primary possibly great for a second car, but it isn’t meant for numerous long trips.”

The driving distance of the Japanese version of the car is usually between 80-100 miles per hour, with top speeds up to 84 mph.

One of the minor setbacks of the car, according to Nakamoto, is its charging.

With charging on a normal house outlet, it will take up to 16 hours to charge and will raise consumers’ electricity bill by 20 percent. The upside to the charging is that it is more eco-friendly than a gas powered car.

“If as much people buy this car in Southern California as in Japan, then carbon dioxide emission will decrease by 50 percent,” Nakamoto stated.

After the presentation, people in attendance had the chance to view the car and see what it was really like.

Automotive professor and coordinator of the presentation, Marty Supple stated, “[The car] is good—great actually—and very timely. Depending on the price, I would love to get one. We will see [the price] at the LA Auto Show.”

As much as it was promoted within the Automotive Department, students outside the department were not aware of the car’s arrival.

Psychology Major Aldo Lopez stated, “I know there was one in the past, which was a Mini Cooper, but not the Mitsubishi. I think I didn’t know because there wasn’t enough interest in it, or nobody was interested telling students or doing their jobs.”

Animal science major Isaac Atala agrees with Lopez.

“Maybe it wasn’t introduced to the school properly.”

Aljean Mathias, business and arts major, said, “If there was one, I don’t think it was announced or publicized properly, and if there was something like that at the school, students should know about it.”



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Bankruptcy: Heena Shah, financial planner, reaches out to the few students that listened to her message of financial responsibility. The 45-minute lecture touched on the issues of complex credit laws and intimidating money problems.

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Depression: Health Services offers screenings for students

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-ings] that day, but we have a screening tool that we use on a daily basis,” coordinator of Student Health Services, Nancy Montgomery, said.

Student Health Services has its own similar form for depression screening, and also offers short-term counseling and a stress reduction workshop available to students here.

Do was not convinced that students in need of such help would actually seek it, but agreed that using such tools could help decrease their stress significantly, which, in turn, would bring the college student depression rate back down.

“With the state of the economy right now, [students] are struggling and when you put that together with the pressure of going to school and trying to make it, they don’t know what to do. It’s stressful,” she said.

“We have a screening tool that we use on a daily basis.”
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Coordinator of Student Health Services

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Depression rate on the rise

National Depression Screening Day was on Oct. 7 and no one went into the Student Health Services Building on campus to get a screening that day.

Over 500 colleges in the U.S. conducted written tests to screen for depression that were anonymously turned in and evaluated.

Depression affects all parts of one's life and, in the most severe cases, may end in suicide.

According to the American College Health Association, the national suicide rate for college students has been projected at 1,088 students each year.

The ACHA also reported that 9.5 percent of 16,000 students surveyed had contemplated suicide and approximately 240 had attempted suicide.

Monitoring our own emotions and depression among our peers is important. This national awareness day should have been taken more seriously.

Fliers and posters should have been used to provide students the push they may have needed to seek help on Oct. 7th.

With the depression rate increasing 17 percent in the last 5 years among college students, we should look out for our fellow classmates now more than ever.

This is the time to take advantage of all the things our health fees pay for.

Student Health Services offers yearlong screenings for depression, much like those offered nationally.

Short-term counseling and stress counseling workshops are available for people who may feel at risk of depression or are already experiencing symptoms.

College students like to think of themselves as independent and strong enough to deal with challenges by themselves.

However, the toughest thing a student can do is let go of reservations and seek the help and support necessary to feel happy and secure.

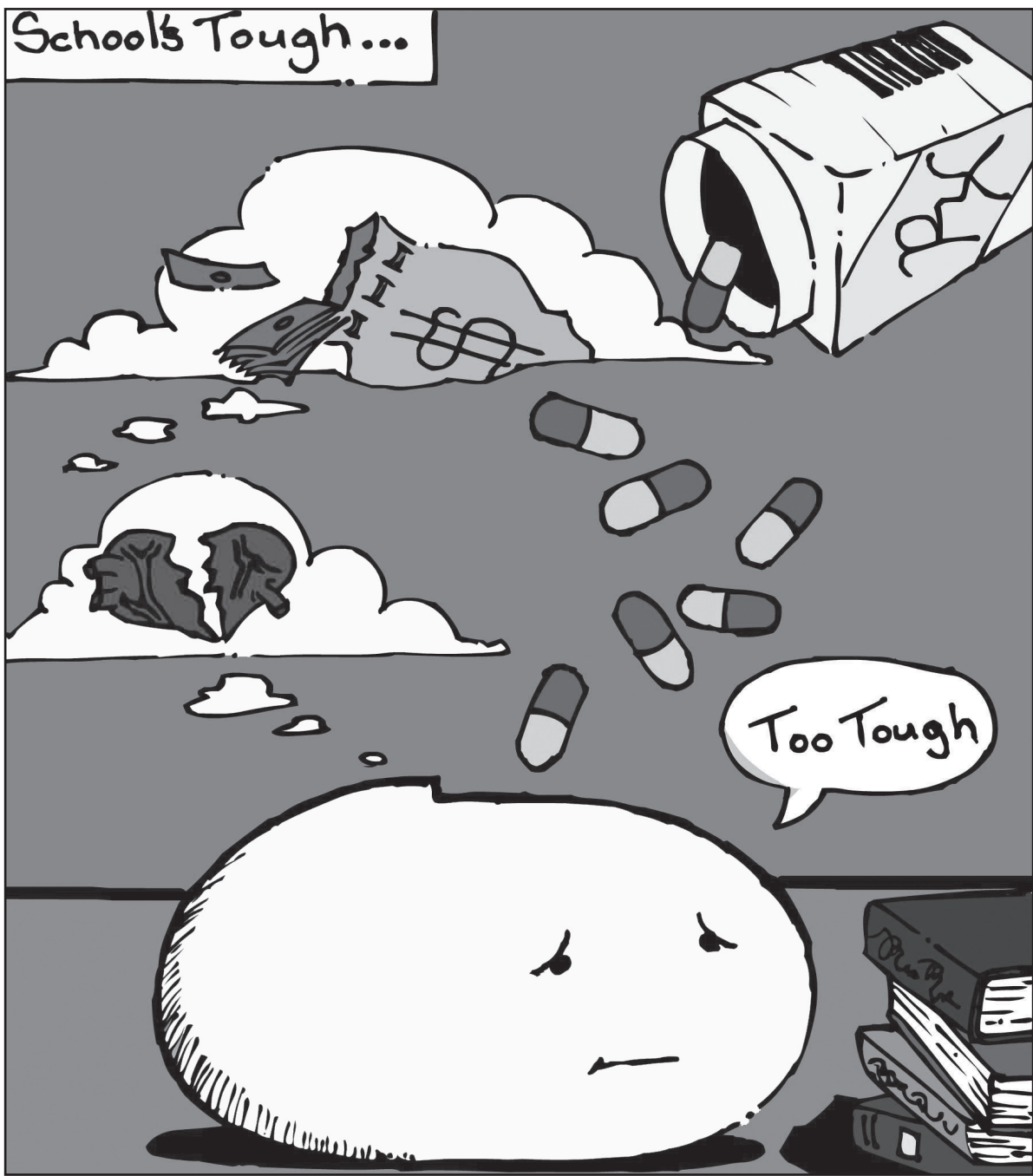


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Movies: remake, remaster, or ridiculous?

We can all understand the fondness one would have for a favorite TV series or film franchise.

Nostalgia is a funny and familiar sensation, and when you see a movie from your childhood on TV, or an old afterschool series on DVD, you tend to think of a better and simpler time.

This reassuring reminiscing is the heart of our love for cinema and television.

As images and stories are made for us to remember, it is reasonable for fans of movies and shows to be wary of remakes and remastering.

Remastering and remaking movies should be done with the utmost care.

Changes should be done mainly to match the technological enhancements of the time, such as special effects and added clarity to the original images.

Removing entire scenes or affecting the plot is a disservice to the original intention of the story and the invested fan base.

Fans can never agree on whether remakes are a good or bad thing, but remastering is another practice for films that can be very clearly seen as a pro or con.

All it constitutes is enhancing audio and video quality of a film and can also include altering or adding scenes to the movie.

A well-known instance of remastering is Steven

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Spielberg's "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial."

Spielberg decided to re-release his iconic film in 2002 with added scenes and digitally altered effects, infamously replacing the scene where federal agents threaten E.T. and Elliot.

He has said becoming a father made him more sensitive to the scene and he wanted to change certain things to better fit his original vision.

Does Spielberg have an obligation to the fans of his work to keep it in its most original portrayal?

On one hand, he is the writer of the story and he has the freedom of creativity to alter his work.

However, admirers of the film may feel wronged by the alterations to their beloved movie.

Whatever the case, it is a murky and unnecessary argument. There is clearly a right and wrong way to deal with changes and revisions to a writer or artist's work.

As the largest media and entertainment conglomerate in the world, Disney chooses to cut the creative

fat from the moneymaking meat of its product.

Disney only takes profits into account when remastering past childhood memories such as "The Lion King," "Mary Poppins" and "Cinderella."

Lack of respect for original creative visions is normal for Disney and it only makes decisions based on monetary gain and not public feedback.

This is one aspect of the remastering craze that adds to its negative image. Careless modification to classic stories does nothing but alienate fans and supporters.

If someone is going to re-release an adored film, then it should be done right and with the utmost care.

Universal Studios' choice to remaster "Back to the Future" was handled quite tastefully and resulted in only technical improvements. Enhanced special effects and scenes rendered in high definition are the only changes made to the film, actually complementing the original rather than trying to replace it.

The film is planning on a small reception, opening up in only 40 cities. What makes it all the more satisfying is the event to follow the re-release: a re-creation of Marty McFly's week in 1955.

The event will give all proceeds to TEAM FOX, the community initiative for The Michael J. Fox Foundation, for Parkinson's research and is a shining example of the lovely feeling we get from nostalgia.

"As images and stories are made for us to remember, it is reasonable for fans of movies and shows to be wary of remakes and remastering."

FREE SPEECH ZONE!?

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business management major
"The resource I use most at school is probably the computer lab. That's where I get my work done."

JOHSEAH BROWN IV
criminal justice major
"The best resource on this campus is the library. It's close and makes it easy to find the resources I need."

ARIANNA MORA
biology major
"The best resource would have to be the math tutors because they really help you out when you need help."

ELIEZER SALAZAR
English major
"The place I consider most useful is the library. I can find resources to help my academic development."

PORSHA BURGESS
kinesiology major
"My main resources are my friends. I do everything at home. In order to know my assignments, I just ask them."

ALEX RIOS
psychology major
"The language lab is really helpful. Tutors help you with the language you're learning and all they have."

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Stars continue to align for Galileo

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Computer animation major Galileo Gonzalez does not shy away from infamy.

In fact, he welcomes it. "It's fun—why try to please anybody?"

Aside from his debut at last month's Downtown Los Angeles Art Walk, the 21-year-old artist's claim to fame involves a white poster board, a couple black Sharpie markers and an angry mob.

The combination landed Gonzalez an appearance on television and a spot in a slide show still featured on a renowned newspaper's website.

'In tonight's broadcast...'

Art instructor Hagop Najarian sat down to watch the nightly news and was amazed to spot a familiar face.

"My wife said, 'hey, that looks like one of your students,'" Najarian recalls.

Standing outside of Bell City Hall on the morning of July 21 was Gonzalez, with a poster of a demonized caricature of former Mayor Oscar Hernandez.

Najarian was immediately star struck.

"Later, I saw [footage] played back and he was standing there with his poster art—I think he used a picture on his Facebook profile—but I saw it and I said, 'Oh, son of a gun, there he is!'"

That morning, armed with permanent markers and a couple sheets of poster board, Gonzalez set off on a mission.

The objective: to humiliate Bell city council members involved in a tax-dollar-embezzlement scheme, and spread the word of the injustice that claimed Gonzalez and his family as casualties when they were forced to move out of his hometown due to rising property taxes.

The image of the scowling Salvadoran-American gripping the sides of a poster board and raising the drawing over his head was powerful enough to catch the eye of a photographer on scene that day for the Los Angeles Times.

More than three months after Gonzalez' television appearance, photographs of the artist and his work are still available on the LA Times website.

His unique drawing style also caught the attention of other activists who soon followed in his footsteps.

Sticking it to 'The Man'

Gonzalez' first poster featured a large, black-and-white, horned image of Hernandez holding a sack of money and asking, "How do you think I remodeled my store?"

"It was a reference because he actually did remodel his (grocery) store—like, big time—and added a taco stand. Seriously, he did add a taco stand," Gonzalez says, raising his eyebrows.

Upon arriving to the first protest with the satirical portrayal, Gonzalez was approached by other participants requesting he sketch similar images on their signs.

Fueled by anger toward the accused and empathy for their victims, Gonzalez set to work on the grassy lawn.

"People actually bought me

Sharpies and some poster paper, so I drew a few little quick caricatures and then a few slogans here and there."

Generous trendsetter

Gonzalez' drawings not only struck a nerve, but also set a trend.

While other protestors had arrived with signs and newspaper clippings, the aspiring cartoonist is proud to say he was the only one to hoist a large-scale illustration, even though it was not for long.

"Apparently people really liked it, because when I went to the next council meeting, there were just all these posters, all these caricatures of [city council members] all over the place."

When he received word that there would be other opportunities to protest, Gonzalez, a full-time student working part-time, realized he would not be able to attend all future demonstrations.

His plan of action quickly turned into one of reaction.

"I gave a poster to anybody I saw because I knew I wasn't going to be able to go to all the meetings, so I thought, 'Hey, I'm here spreading the message, I might as well let the people keep spreading the message.'"

Sign no evil

Although he dedicates less than an hour to pen his satirical creations, Gonzalez refuses to make time to sign any of his boards, saying he is not out to make a name for himself during a protest, but to join the crowd in

making a statement.

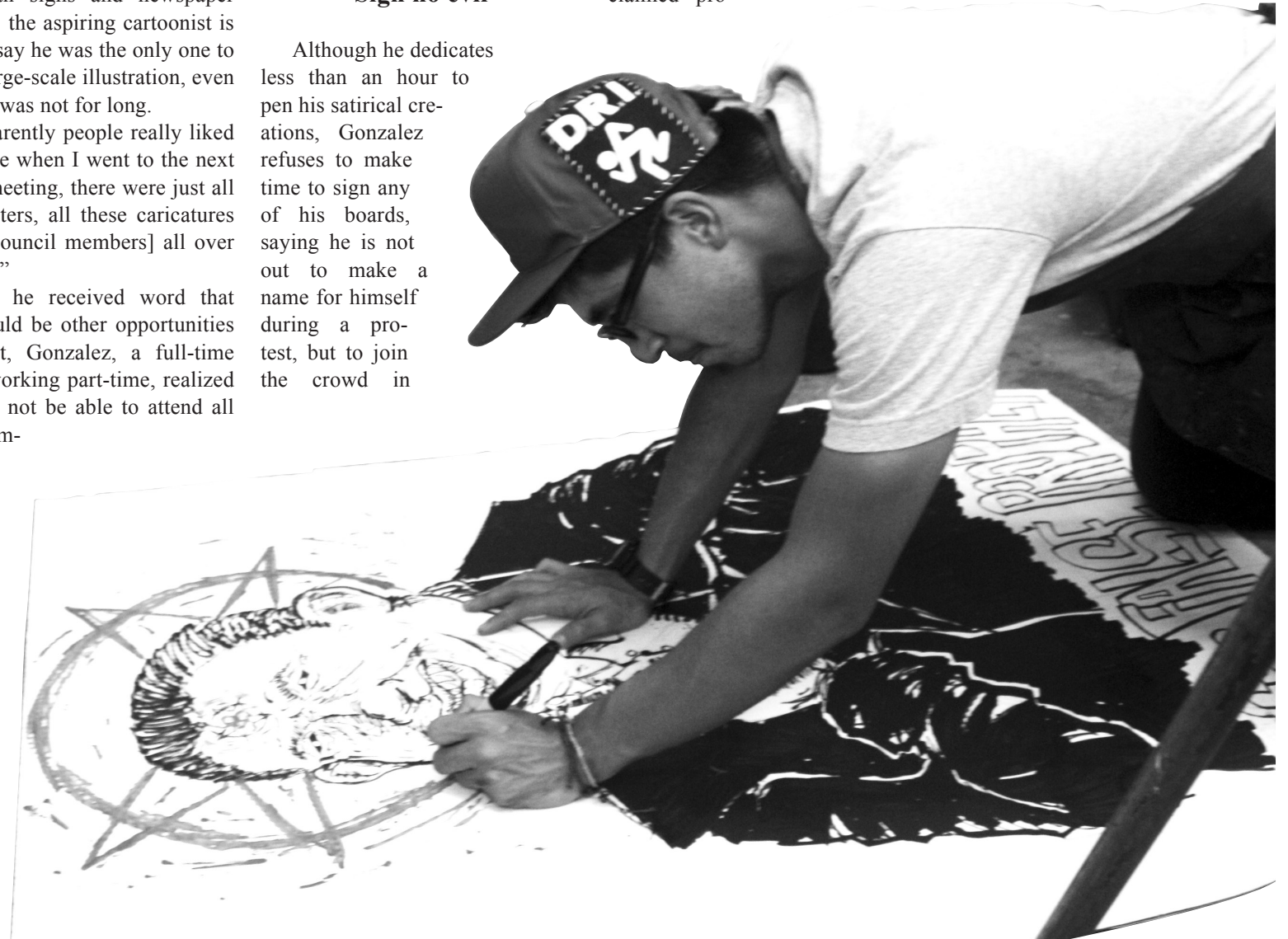
"When you realized that your city council actually betrayed you and forced you to basically move, the last thing you think about when drawing these posters is signing them.

"I'm just there to protest—I'm there because I'm pissed."

The self-proclaimed pro-

gressive leftist will continue to incorporate his ideas into his work, but says he will never be completely comfortable in the limelight of political infamy.

"I'm not an extremist. I don't like radicals."



'False Prophet': Computer animation major Galileo Gonzalez adds more definition to his caricature of Luis Artiga for the piece came from the pastor's alleged involvement in a tax-dollar embezzlement scheme.

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former Bell councilman. Gonzalez' inspiration

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Ceramic artist addresses the practical side of creativity

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Thirty-two-year-old artist Matthias Merkel Hess spoke to Cerritos College's ceramic students last Tuesday night about the challenges of being a working artist.

He touched on the issues of sustainability of pieces, the problems with financing, merchandising and inevitable creative slumps.

Steven Poiter, 3D design instructor and head of the ceramics program, explains he and the ceramics students decided to seize the opportunity to speak with an artist in their field while his work was on campus.

His three-part presentation displayed some of his works and projects, some of which were in the campus art show, "Neither Swords nor Plowshares."

Hess has studied art, specifically ceramics, for 10 years and now teaches a ceramics class at California State University Long Beach.

The first part of Hess' talk was about the ideas he tries to express through his artwork.

"I try to investigate my own narcissism and the narcissism I see within society; people being focused on themselves," he says.

Hess says this focus on the view of narcissism is reflected in many of his portrait work.

The second section of his talk was focused on his recent work, "The Devils Tower," a scaled-down, 10-foot tall model of the Wyoming-based, 1,267-foot-tall national monument.

Hess says part of his reason for choosing to display this model was due to the contradictory ideas it would present.

To him, The Devils Tower is a natural landmass that also has marketability as a national monument.

"[Essentially] I took 'Devils Tower' on tour. When famous people go on tour, they have all this [merchandise] to sell. So I'm trying to talk about environmental themes, as well as take that commercial route," he said.

This concept is what introduced the third part of Hess' presentation.

He brings up the issue of artists having to deal with getting into the commercial aspect of art.

According to Hess, due to the "consumerist society we live in, artists may be forced to work more like conceptual laborers than expressive creators."

He raised this question with his project "Fine Art 626-394-3963" in Santa Monica last spring.

With this project, Hess gives out his real cell phone number and e-mail address to people and asks them what they would like to see himself and other artists do for them as consumers.

One art product Hess was commissioned for was a line of "Special Friend" pet rocks, using clay to form several unique small stones.

As a committed artist with much academic experience, Hess tries to address these issues and more with his artwork.

You can visit his website for show dates, photographs and more at www.merkelhess.net.

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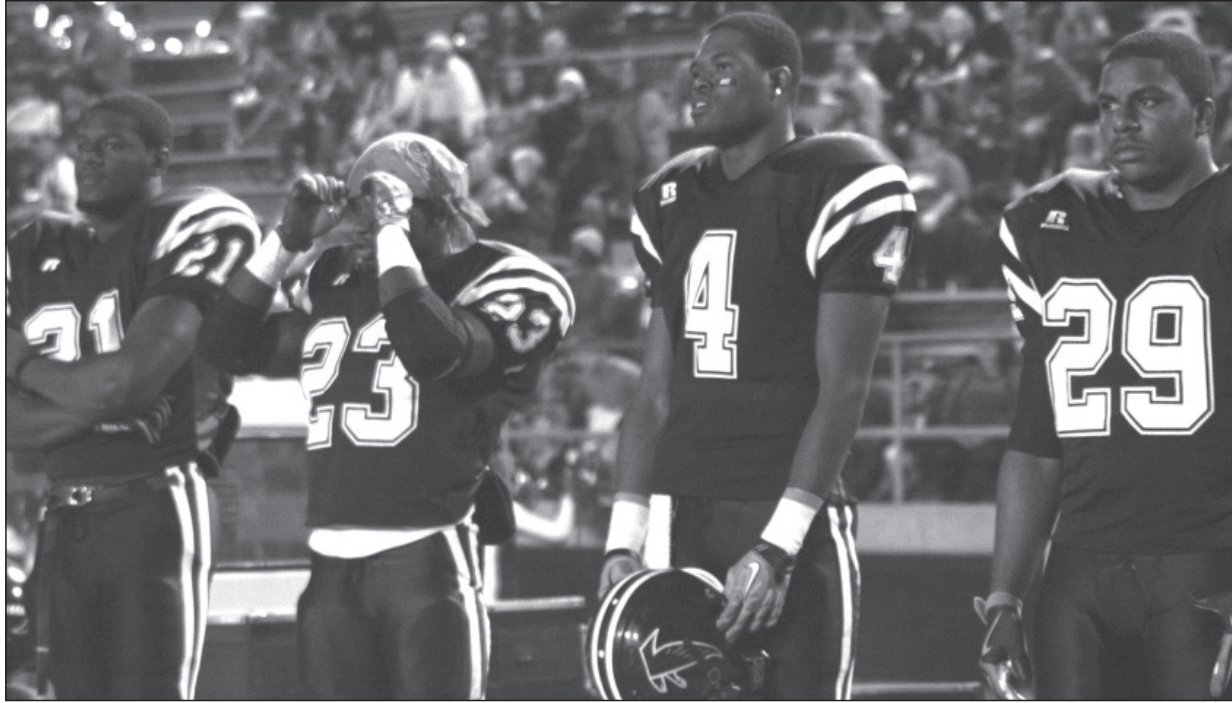
Falcons stall on final two possessions in loss

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After a 14-day layoff due to a bye week, the Cerritos College football team would be looking to rebound after its first loss of the season to Saddleback College. However, it would lose its second straight game in a home loss to Ventura College on Saturday. Several players used this game as a wake-up call, not only to play together as a team, but also to get serious about the season. “We have to stay together on the field,” defensive tackle Lawrence Lehaul said. “There were times when our players were on the field arguing. We put in so much work in the off-season, and we don’t want it to be a waste.”

The Falcons drop to 4-2, 0-1 on the season as they lose their South Coast Conference opener. As the team approaches the midway point of the season, players are beginning to realize the importance of elevating their play if they want to win their conference. “Football is all we have,” defensive tackle Fatu Ulale said. “I came from a school (Bellflower High School) that we didn’t win a lot. We want to win the big ten for Coach Mazzotta and the rest of the coaching staff. They put in so much work so that’s who I play for,” he said. Cerritos’ last two chances to win the game came late in the fourth quarter when they were stopped on two consecutive drives by the Ventura defense. The first came when sophomore running back Daveon Barner was stripped of the ball at the one-yard

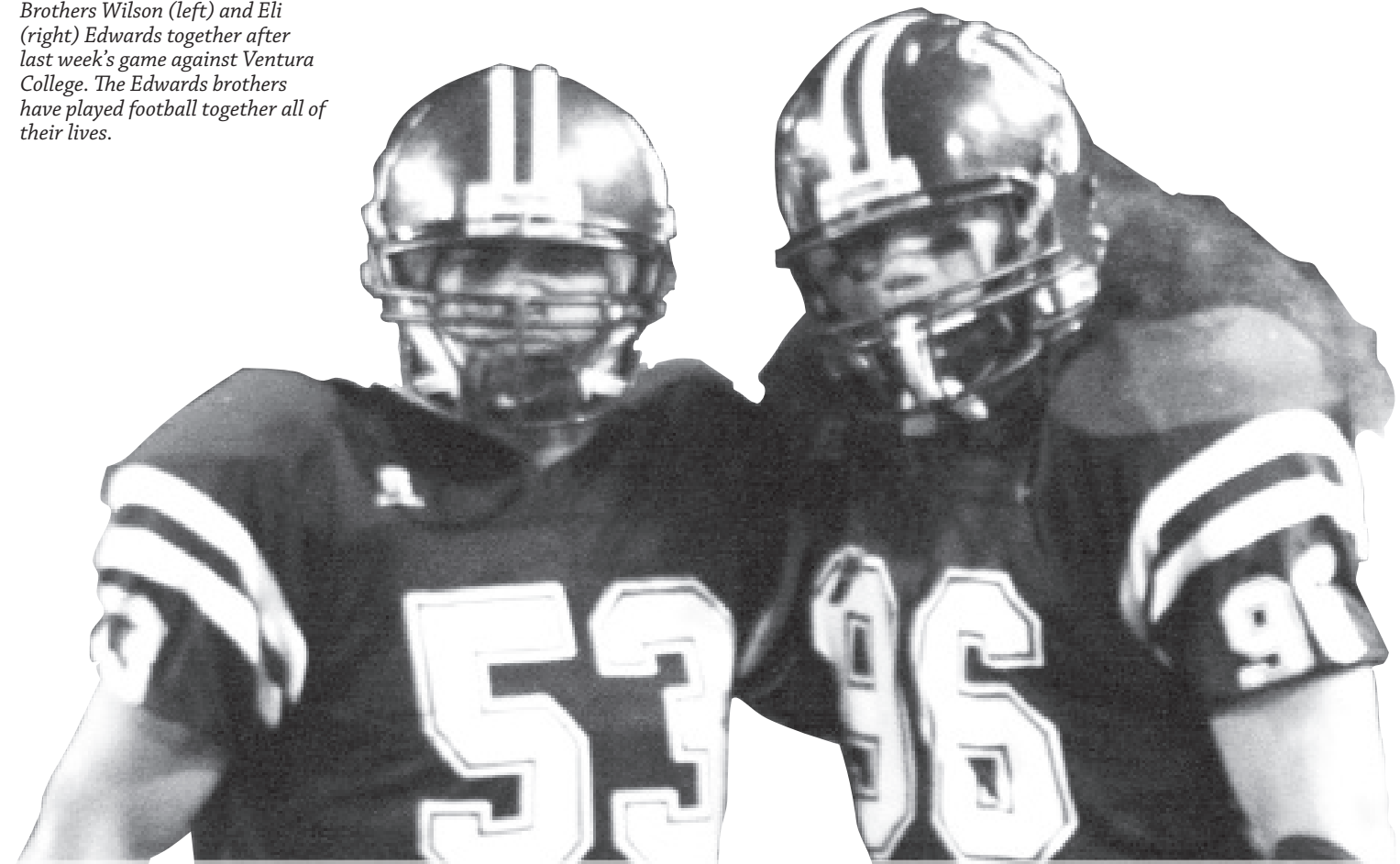
line on fourth and goal by Pirates linebacker Trashawn Nixon and the ball was recovered by defensive back Earnest Hall. Barner would finish with 124 yards on 14 carries. The second drive was stopped when Falcons quarterback Kane Wilson was sacked on both second and fourth down. Captain linebacker David Lopez continued his productive role for the Falcons defense by making 14 tackles. He has led Cerritos in stops every game this season, with 60 total tackles. The victory was bigger than just a conference win for first-year head coach Steve Mooshagian. Mooshagian played wide receiver for the Falcons during the 1978 and 1979 seasons and was drenched with a Gatorade shower after he defeated his former team.



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Just not enough: (left to right) Running backs Cory Westbrook, Daveon Barner, Ray Craig and Jaron Hytche stunned after the Falcons lose their second consecutive game of the season. The backs combined for a total of 182 net rushing yards.

Anything you can do, I can do ‘brother’

Double the Samoan Trouble:
Brothers Wilson (left) and Eli (right) Edwards together after last week’s game against Ventura College. The Edwards brothers have played football together all of their lives.



Brothers tackle the competition

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Though he isn’t often known as “Eli’s Little Brother” when the nickname comes up, Wilson isn’t ashamed to be known as such. “I love being Eli’s little brother,” he said. “It inspires me to play harder and hustle more.” The Wilson brothers are currently members of the Cerritos College football team. Eli is the starting defensive end and Wilson plays special teams and backup linebacker for the Falcons. The former Long Beach Poly Jackrabbits have played football together their

whole lives starting at Pop Warner, moving on to Poly, and now Cerritos. At times, Wilson catches himself slacking off, but he looks to his big brother’s determined work ethic for motivation. “Sometimes I’m not hustling at practice, but I’ll look at Eli and see how he goes hard, nonstop,” he said. Eli and Wilson’s personalities seem to be on opposite sides of the spectrum, however their drive to succeed in the game of football has helped them to coexist with each other. “My brother is really quiet but he gets the job done,” Wilson said. “I’m really loud but I still get my job done,” he said.

Both brothers find themselves not only playing for each other, their teammates, and coaches but also for their father. “We play hard because you always want your dad to be proud of you. The main thing a boy wants in his life is for his father to be proud of him and what he is doing with his life.” Eli Edwards has received and verbally committed to a scholarship from Washington State. Wilson, only a freshman, has already made his plans for after Cerritos. “I’m going to make it to a D-1 and then to the NFL,” he said. “But for now, I want to focus on this season and next season,” he said.

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Water polo preserves a close win

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Cerritos’ men’s water polo team defeated Mt. San Antonio College 17-15 at home last Wednesday. “I didn’t play last year but I know we lost so I wanted vengeance. Long Beach and Mt. SAC are our [biggest] competition,” freshman driver Nick Dodson said. In the opening minutes of the first quarter, Cerritos utility player PJ Gabayeron, scored the first goal of the game, but in the next play of the game Mt. SAC answered back with a goal of its own. The first period went back and forth with goals until the final two minutes of the period when Cerritos goalie Justin Calderon blocked a shot from Mt. SAC. In return Cerritos went on to score two more goals and end the first quarter, up 6-4. The beginning of the second quarter started off with utility player Isaac Ogloblin getting the ball and that turned into an assist from Gabayeron. Cerritos came back to score with a goal from 2-Meter Pat McCarthy, but right after Mt. SAC scored to make it 8-6. At the beginning of the third quarter Mt. SAC got the ball and tied the game up 8-8 but Cerritos answered right back with an assist from Gabayeron to McCarthy for a goal. “We preserved ourselves and kept playing our game,” Gabayeron said. Cerritos would go on to rally and win the game with a final score of 17-15.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Women’s soccer vs. LA Harbor



The Cerritos College women’s soccer team defeated Los Angeles Harbor 5-0, for its ninth win in the last 10 games. Cerritos defender Janeth Arroyo says the chemistry of the Falcons was what led them to the victory. “It was a decent game on our part and we picked it up in the second half,” she said. “We connected better as a team and we scored more goals in the second.”

J.B WITRON

Cross country improves



Both the men’s and women’s teams bounced back with fifth and fourth place finishes, at last Friday’s Santa Barbara City Invitational from what coach John Goldman called a rough race at the SoCal Preview Meet on Oct. 9. Goldman named freshman runners Brian Bayani and Lauren Thompson as the two most improved runners of the meet. “We wanted athletes who have not been as consistent to improve; they surprised me,” Goldman said. Both teams are now preparing to exploit gaps between opposing teams and deal with the hills at the Mt. San Antonio College course for the South Coast Championships next Friday.

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Women’s soccer keeps undefeated conference streak alive

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The Cerritos College women’s soccer team gained the upper hand and defeated conference opponent East Los Angeles College in its South Coast Conference match 7-0 on Tuesday. Cerritos came into the game trying to keep its undefeated 6-0-conference record intact. In the beginning of the match, both teams showed physicality in trying to take control of the game. In the second minute, Cerritos midfielder Miranda Madrid scored a goal, her first of the season. From then on Cerritos dominated the rest of the first half of the game. In the 12th minute of the first half, forward Daniela Martin made a goal, and teammate Tiffany Schultz scored another shortly af-

ter. Martin continued to play hard throughout the half. She missed a shot but redeemed herself by scoring the last goal of the half in the 28th minute, giving the Falcons a 4-0 lead. At the start of the second half, Cerritos maintained control. The tougher play didn’t help ELAC in the third minute, when Martin scored yet another goal. She finished the game with four goals, raising her season total to seven. The Falcons advance to 13-1-0, 7-0 on the season, maintaining control of first place in the South Coast Conference. Cerritos will travel to El Camino this Friday to play the 7-6, 2-4 Warriors. The Falcons won the first meeting between these two teams earlier this season by a score of 1-0.



JUAN RAMOS/TM

Your Ball is My Ball: Falcons forward Daniela Martin, No.10, takes the ball away from East Los Angeles College defender Susan Terrones. Martin scored three goals in last Tuesday’s 7-0 blow out of ELAC.

Wrestling stiff competition

The Cerritos College wrestling team broke its string of three consecutive second-place finishes and won its second tournament of the season by capturing victory at the Southern Regional Duals in Palomar last Saturday. “We dominated this tournament and wanted to make a statement. Most of the competition is up north,” Cerritos College wrestler Jesse Ponce said. “We didn’t do much differently [this tournament],” he added. “We just went out there and wrestled to the best of our abilities.” The next match for the Falcons will be against Palomar College and it will take place on Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in Palomar.

STEPHANIE ROMERO

Volleyball gets set for key game vs. rival

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The Cerritos College volleyball team won its first South Coast Conference game of the season against Los Angeles Trade-Tech, however it would drop its next matchup against Pasadena City College.

After losing to Pasadena, assistant coach Gay Casteneda expressed her concern for the team not being able to play its home matches at Cerritos due to the reconstruction of the gym.

"It's really been a problem for us," she said. "We haven't been able to pick up any momentum and we wish we got to play at home instead of [Gahr High School]."

In addition to a home gym, the Falcons were also without their starting setter Lupe Garcia.

Despite all the negative issues concern the term, it was able to win their first home match of the season.

Sophomore outside hitter Chanelle Puou controlled the flow of the offense. She posted 14 kills with only one error.

Freshman Jessika Suesoff, who leads the team in kills, scored 10 kills, bringing her total to 121.

She also played setter and provided quality passes for 17 assists.

The Falcons controlled the game in such a way that the coaching staff was able to give several reserves a

significant amount of playing time.

Ten of 11 players on the team scored at least one kill.

Libero April Perez led the team with seven digs.

The Falcons swept the match 21-25, 12-25, 23-25, however they were not able to keep the momentum going into their next match against Pasadena.

Once again, Puou led the scoring, with four kills along with Suesoff and middle blocker Amber Finley.

Suesoff played setter for the second straight game. She had seven assists and four digs.

The Lancers were able to take control of the match, sweeping the Falcons 21-25, 12-25, 23-25.

The Falcons drop to 5-7, 1-4 on the season and will take on South Coast Conference rival Long Beach City College (8-5) (3-2) on Wednesday.

Pregame Analysis:

This is a highly anticipated matchup for both teams as they go up against crosstown rivals. Cerritos looks to turn its season around with a big win against the No.3 team in the conference.

CERRITOS COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Record

5-7 (1-4)

Players to watch

OH Chanelle Puou
OH Jessika Suesoff
MB Amber Finley

Keys to the game

Work the offense through Puou
Experienced Coaching Staff

Strengths

Maintain a loud and active bench
Experienced Coaching Staff
second and third in Blocks in the SCC.

Tale of the 'Tape'

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Record

8-5 (3-2)

Players to watch

OH Cici Cisnero
OH Celina Yandall
OH Raegan Heitzif

Keys to the game

Control Chanelle Puou's offense.
Don't allow Cerritos to rally late in matches

Strengths

Lots of sophomores with experience
Blocks well. Vanessa Ray and Mel'lisha Lofton are ranked second and third in block in the SCC.



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tip of the
week



The Cerritos College volleyball team will host the Long Beach City College Vikings on Oct. 20. The Vikings and Falcons are ranked third and seventh in the South Coast Conference, respectively.

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Homecoming 2010

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The Floats

Cerritos College has proudly built a tradition of homecoming activities for more than 50 years, which includes the building and judging of floats constructed by various clubs on campus.

The floats were paraded during the homecoming game's halftime show and were judged by a group of community leaders, faculty and staff prior to the event Saturday night.

This year, the floats were constructed to follow the theme of "Literature Classics."

sics" and 14 clubs built floats outstanding enough to receive awards in various categories.

One of the winners of the many awards included Architecture and Technology Club's "Beowulf" float, which received the ASCC "best design" award.

"It was tough, but the hard work and dedication from everyone paid off," Julissa Gordillo, club president, explained.

Liz Kaiser, member of the Dental Hygiene Club, was also able to share in Gordillo's joy.

Her club's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" float received the queen's award for best utilization of theme.

When asked about her experience building the float, Kaiser said, "We had a good time. We put in a lot of hours, but it was fun."

Though members of both of these clubs, along with 12 others, two of which tied for an award, were proud of their achievements, nearly a third of participating clubs did not receive awards

for their floats, including the Triathlon Club.

Despite his club's efforts on its "Three Musketeers" float leaving its members empty-handed, Eduardo Castro, club vice president, was not at all disappointed.

"It's the camaraderie that counts," he explained, "the teamwork."

The vice president found much more to the experience than simply winning awards. He advises all Cerritos club members to participate in next year's homecoming activities.

Castro continued, "It united our club. We had fun and got to know each other a lot better."

Homecoming dance

Though the Cerritos College football team lost its homecoming game, fellow Falcons still managed to find reason to celebrate long into the night.

Unlike most years, the ASCC held a dance following the homecoming game at 9 p.m. in the Student Center.

The dance was free to all Cerritos students with a current semester sticker on their student ID card.

Like the many students who attended, including most of the homecoming court, Matthew Longman, undecided major, was excited to be at the dance.

"It's really chill. I like it," he said out of breath while shouting over music.

The freshman student continued, "It's better than high school dances, for sure."

Each student was allowed to bring one guest, which brought Kaplan College student, Ryan Vista, to

the Cerritos campus.

Vista said, "The dance is pretty cool: food, drinks and good DJ."

Complimentary refreshments and snacks were provided to attendees, as well as a variety of music that kept the center's stage full with students dancing until the doors closed.

Homecoming Queen announced

Silence swept over Falcon Stadium as all awaited the announcement of the 2010 Cerritos College Homecoming Queen.

"Drum roll, please!" Craig Breit, homecoming announcer and mass communications instructor, exclaimed.

Seconds later, the crowd roared as Crystina Leyva was crowned.

"It feels great to be queen," Leyva gushed, "I truly am blessed!"

She and her fellow court members were introduced during the homecoming game's halftime show Saturday night.

Leyva represents the Student Veterans' Club as the second member in a row, following Evie Mendoza, to be crowned queen.

When Mendoza was crowned last year, she explained that her motivation was "to create more awareness for the club."

She, along with active club members, Leyva and Student Body President Felipe Grimaldo, have done just that.

"All of my friends and the club really supported me. They were out there [campaigning] night and day," Leyva said.

She explained that this hard work isn't over simply because of a crown.

As queen, Leyva wants to inspire Cerritos students. She said, "I have to get students more involved in activities and really push for school spirit."

Winning Floats

- Amy Dozer Award (best over all)**
Child development-Alice in Wonderland
- Queen's Award (best utilization of theme)**
Dental hygiene-Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Board of Trustees Award (most creative and original)**
Phi Theta Kappa-The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
- President's Award (best display the spirit of Cerritos College)**
Rotaract-Wizard of Oz
- Coaches Award (most unusual)**
Anime-Journey to the West
- ASCC Award (best design)**
Architecture and Technology-Beowulf
- Golden Falcon Award (best utilization of color)**
Tie
Cosmetology-Jungle Book and
Puente-Don Quixote
- Faculty Award (most humorous)**
Board of Accountants-Frankenstein
- CSEA Award (best utilization of animation)**
Student Veterans-Iliad and Odyssey
- Dr. Burnight Award (most inspirational)**
S.P.I.C.E.-Snow White
- Bench Award (best craftsmanship)**
A.S.E.T.-War of the Worlds
- Foundation Award (most educational)**
Math-Time Machine
- Alumni Award (best utilization of Paper)**
iFalcon-James and the Giant Peach



Winners: Crystina Leyva and the Alice and Wonderland themed float both emerged as winners at Homecoming.