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Applications for ASCC positions now available

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For those looking to get into student government, there are positions open to apply for.

Open positions for the Spring 2012 semester include Assistant Commissioner of Athletics, Assistant Commissioner of External Affairs, Assistant for Records and Information, Assistant for the Student Outreach and Assistant for Vocational Education.

"We're always taking volunteers, so students are more than welcome to come in here, even if it doesn't fit their schedule. We have a contact info sheet and we'll put them on committees on campus," ASCC President Jasmin Ramirez said.

Applications for president of the ASCC go out on Feb. 21.

Presidential and student trustee elections will be on Apr. 11-12.

To qualify for president students need at least a 2.25 GPA, 500 signatures and not have an F in prior semesters.

The Executive Branch, also known as the Cabinet, are commissioners responsible for the direction of many student body services and programs.

Members of the Cabinet are appointed by the ASCC President, and confirmed by the Senate.

There are 13 commissioners in the cabinet.

Cabinet meetings are every Monday at 2 p.m.

The court is involved with matters related to student affairs.

Members of the court are also appointed by the ASCC president and confirmed by the Senate.

There can be nine justices in the court.

Court meetings are held every Tuesday at 2 p.m.

To be a member of the senate, students must have at least a grade point average of 2.25 and must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 units.

30 seats can be filled for senate.

Senate meetings are held every Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Each meeting will be held in room BK 111.

Being in school clubs can help with the status of the candidate.

ASCC Vice President Julian Del Real-Calleros is in various clubs, including the Literature Club, Active Minds, the Film club and is currently working

on the Political Science club.

There have been some students who have already been elected into student government this semester.

One such student is Radio/Television/Film major Jaime Flores who said, "I knew I needed to show them I am still active so I helped student government tables by getting people to want to join. Basically, I'm showing I'm willing to take the risk of handing applications to my own competition."

If students are interested, applications are available in the office of Student Activities.

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— JASMIN RAMIREZ

ASCC President

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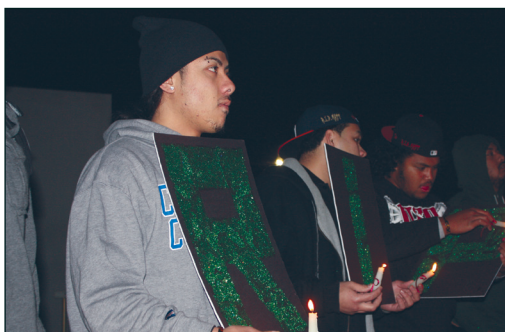
Shine a light: Friends and family grieve and remember Mathew Tautolo. The ceremony was held on Jan. 19 at the Cerritos College Utility Field.

Tautolo remembered in vigil

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Students, family and friends attended a candlelight vigil Thursday on the utility field to celebrate the life and say goodbye to Mathew Tautolo who died earlier this month.

Tautolo collapsed and died near there Jan. 10 after taking part in physical exercise.



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Standing together: (Left to right): J. Seei, Michael Laupaai and Michael Funoti, all friends of Tautolo, attend the candlelight vigil holding signs that read R.I.P.

People signed their wishes, love and good-byes on a banner with photograph of Tautolo on it.

Tautolo had open-heart surgery in 2008. The aspiring football player turned 20 last September.

"Mathew thought of everyone else before himself," Asora Tautolo, Mathew's father said.

"There was never a mean bone in his body, he was a happy person," he continued. "I've enjoyed him every day. He loved being with friends and family. We're all going to miss him."

Jayna Seei, Tautolo's girlfriend, said, "He would be pretty happy to see his friends and family here for him."

ASCC President Jasmin Ramirez said, "I think it's very beautiful for us to not only get his family but also our Falcon family out here. It was a beautiful ceremony. Our condolences go to him and his family."

Many participants wore shirts with his picture to show remembrance and respect.

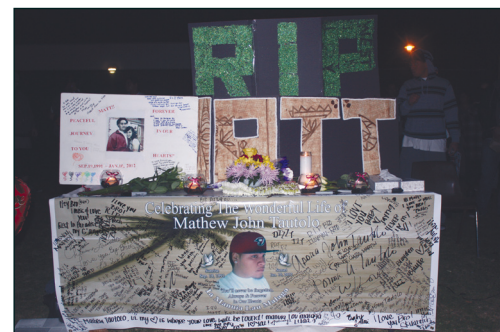
Undecided major Brittany Vargas smiled

and remembers Tautolo as a clown. "He'd make you laugh, no doubt about that."

"The best memory I have of him is (on) my shirt, it says 'scratch' because he would always say it. He'd just say that to everybody, it was funny. It was like his own slogan," Vargas said.

Vargas also mentioned Tautolo's love for football. "He would say that all he wanted to do

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Memorial: A table was dedicated to Tautolo in expressing his remembrance. The Pacific Islanders Club hosted the candlelight vigil on Thursday.

Apple explores new ventures with ebook reader app



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There's an app for that: Apple has released iBooks 2, an iOS application that will allow electronic textbooks to be read on its iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad devices. The application will be tested in the K-12 market and can eventually reach out to the higher education market.

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Apple joins the e-textbook market with iBooks 2, a reading fullscreen digital textbook app that utilizes video and animations. Apple also introduced

iBooks Author, a free software application for Mac users that assists authors to create and publish their own digital e-textbooks.

Apple is also updating its iTunes U program by introducing an application for the iPad, iPhone and iPod touch. These new applications allow professors to create customized online courses, assignments, quizzes, and books manually.

Apple is introducing these applications to K-12 markets and schools for the first time.

Previously, these apps were only available for the higher education market.

Apple hopes that students will enjoy the new e-textbooks and engage in the new tools these e-textbooks provide such as 3-D animated models, glossary definition and even the ability to drag their fingers to highlight a certain passage.

Although Apple targets all markets for new textbooks, they are mainly focusing on high school textbooks.

Books are priced at \$14.99 or less, a price break from usual textbook purchases.

Associate English Professor Stephen Clifford said that he has never used ebooks in class and has only used hard-copy novels and textbooks.

This semester he had a student who wasn't able to purchase the textbook at the moment, but with the student's Kindle, the work was also available for free at amazon.com.

The student was able to download the work for free while gathering the money to purchase the textbook for class. He remembers that as a great experience in class.

"If I had a chance to order a single textbook, and know that all students can get that textbook, and get it on a kindle or an iPad or a similar tablet, I'd be strongly interested in that for the whole class," Clifford said.

He also comments that this issue is his biggest concern be-

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CERRITOS COLLEGE News BRIEFS

Committee bond adds new members

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Facility improvement construction projects, representing millions of dollars, are spread all over campus and more are planned.

The projects are paid for by our community citizens through bonds they voted to support.

Joining the group that makes sure you get the most benefit from that money by ensuring it is used properly, are Lola Rizkallah and Justin McIntyre; two new members of the Cerritos College Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

"Many of the buildings on campus are 50 years old or more.

We needed the funds so we can serve the next 50 years and five generations of students," said Cerritos College Board of Trustees President Bob Arthur.

Campus police detain two in on-campus fight

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A report from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was released on Jan. 18 about a fight that occurred in the Cerritos College Admissions and Records building on Jan. 11.

According to the report, Campus Police detained two suspects, Treandre Todd and Israel Holmes Jr.

Witnesses said that the two were arguing and shoving in the admissions line.

Police told Holmes and his brother that no criminal charges will be pursued but they would be suspended pending a judicial affairs hearing.

Campus reads for women's history month

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Women's history month is promoting a campus wide read: "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks."

The event is being held to inform students about Henrietta Lacks, a woman whose cells have been used to fight diseases.

"This is a story about race, class, gender, and science as well," Chair of Economics and Women's Studies department, Diane Keenan said.

She continued with, "We wanted to have discussion sessions for students who are reading the book. We're promoting it for various classes.

Students who are reading it can come to the discussions in March to be able to talk about the book."



Receiving club information: Undecided major Rigo Gomez receives information about the Wilderness Club. The Wilderness Club is one of the clubs that took part on Club Info Day.

Clubs attracting students

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All clubs on campus came out yesterday and recruited new members and had past or current members to help the promotion.

The Anime Club, Wilderness Club, Triathlon Club, Music Club were among many other clubs out there.

The first club was the S.P.I.C.E. it revolves around many students but it mostly helps out single parents.

"The purpose of the single parent club is to provide emotional support and group cohesiveness amongst their members," business administration major Argelia Perez said.

"They provide learning opportunities for single parents and requirement to have a 2.0 GPA 1 unit or more for participants. "You don't have to be a single parent to join you can join and help out.

They sometimes go on trips with the children

of the members.

They meet every other Friday.

Anime club member Daniel Shirreffs, education major ,commented, "this club deals with mostly manga and anime from Japan."

"It's beneficial for students considered strange or people with a lot of energy because it helps relieve some of that energy and it's a place where they can feel at home," Shirreffs stated.

They meet every other Thursday from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

The wilderness club is for people who love the outdoors or nature.

Wilderness club member Rigo Gomez who's major is undecided said, " this club is to inform

members about the forest and the land." They also go hiking, camping, and various other outdoor activities.

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The basis of this club is to help students appreciate all types of music and understand them better.

JANET CISNEROS
Music Club member

ing that involves all club representatives.

Clubs share ideas with other clubs and speak about club activities and competitions.

The meetings are held on every last Thursday of the month in room BK 111.

More scholarships available for students

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Scholarships such as the General Scholarship, Edison Green Jobs Technology Scholarship and Osher Scholarship are there to supply students with the funds to support their education.

For instance, The General Scholarship requires a student to apply through their application, and provide letters of recommendation from credible sources.

More information on these scholarships can be gained from the Administration office.

There are major differences between the free application for federal student aid, and the General Scholarship application.

Psychology major Milagros Escalante pointed out that the FAFSA application "Needed a lot of information, including parent's information." Which appears to be a great hassle.

FAFSA helps many students with large funds, but it is not the only source offering students help.

There are many more scholarships out there for everyone to apply for, ensuring they have the funds necessary, and increasing the chances on receiving them on the required time to continue their education successfully.

Scholarships are waiting for more students to take advantage of them.

College has become a financial burden for many students due to high costs.

Tuition, books and fees have discouraged many from even attempting higher education.

Fortunately, students have financial aid to "relieve" that burden.

The FAFSA has been helping thousands of students by paying off their books, supplies and to help them manage with any other personal finances.

Students like Cristina Bernal, who is currently undecided about her major, proves that FAFSA is a great source of help as she stated, "I got the money the first day of the semester for both semesters this year."

The downside is that not everyone receives this money on a timely manor. Many, unlike Bernal, find themselves waiting well over a month for them to receive the funds to support their education.

"It took forever," business major Alice Zamora explained.

"It took about three months before my information was fully processed."

Her Cerritos Falcon Card, which is a way the FAFSA money is distributed, did not reach her in time, so she had to pay with her parents' money.

Even though the federal grant automatically pays off tuition after the application has been fully processed, the rest of the money, which would have paid for the books and supplies necessary for their courses, may still not reach other students on time.

"Getting the classes is one of the issues," architecture major, Jose Rojas said.

He described that seven days after picking the courses is not enough time to receive classes without them being picked first by others, "The problem is the paper work, and having to come back and fourth."

He then reassured, "They always give you due dates, which have to be respected."

Unfortunately, these due dates keep the money from the students paying off their tuition, as well as their books, if their financial aid does not process in time.

Rojas said, "There are other ways to get the books, such as pirate bay."

FAFSA may not reach the students in a convenient time, but it is free money.

Tautolo: Family honors Tautolo through vigil

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was play football."

Howard Jauta, a player for the Cerritos College football team, said, "When he gets serious he would do what he had to do. He was a good guy."

Jauta also said that this year was going to be Tautolo's year, saying that the team will "go far than Cerritos has ever been."

After joining of hands, a prayer led by math major Aldemar Sanchez, and a few words spoken by Tautolo, a song was sung by members of the Pacific Islanders Club that was specifically for Tautolo based on his heritage.

"It's called 'Uso Song,'" undecided major Nick Toleafoa said, who performed the guitar for the song. "It's asking our brother for forgiveness for everything we did wrong towards him. He's the best."

A believer in Christianity, Tautolo loved going to church. "He wanted to be a pastor," Sanchez said.

The ceremony was bought together by PIC with the some of the money that was raised for the Tautolo family.

Anthropology major, Paulo Maiava, president of PIC will never forget Tautolo as a loving person. "He had a heart for everyone," he said.

When we were down, he'd help us. When we were broke he would help us as much as he could. He will never be forgotten and will always be in our hearts."

Two hot air, balloon lanterns were lit and released into the sky to symbolize the departure of Tautolo.

"He's a star," Tautolo's mother, Poima, said, pointing at the lanterns as they drifted out of sight.

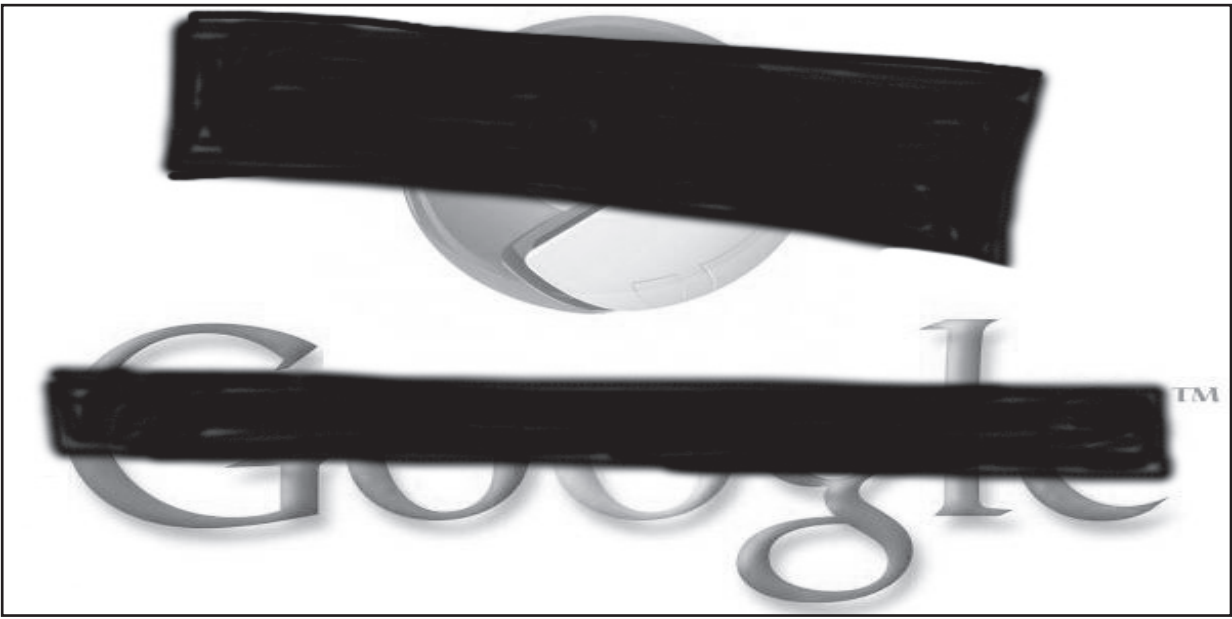


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SOPA Censorship: Google censored its logo on Jan. 18. Google was one of the many websites protesting during SOPA Black out on Jan.18.

Instructor gives insight into how SOPA/PIPA affects students

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"The internet is the most powerful tool for creating a more open and connected world. We can't let poorly-developed laws get in the way of the internet's development," Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said.

On Jan. 18, websites such as Wikipedia and Google featured censored content or motifs regarding censorship.

This was a mass effort made by the internet community as a means to raise awareness for the SOPA/PIPA (Stop Online Piracy Act) bills being proposed by congress.

These bills have been promoted to protect the intellectual property of the music, film and technological industries through government supported legal intervention.

While there are already laws like the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) that protect intellectual property, The problem is that the majority of the servers providing illegal access to digital media are located overseas.

Therefore, the servers are located outside of the legal jurisdiction of the U.S. Making copyright laws useless. Passing the SOPA and PIPA would extend the jurisdiction of the United States government to enforce copyright laws overseas and censor sites found guilty of infringement.

This would provide a service to the creative community by protecting the intellectual properties of many

from being illegally distributed.

The cost, however, would be the privatization of the internet and requiring sites like Facebook and Youtube to begin charging user fees.

"All of the [free] services that people have grown to love, the usage of the internet threatened by this legislation. If the legislation passes, it will mean that you will pay more for a lot of the things that you've come to appreciate," Brad Durham, contributor to the scientific Youtube channel, BigThink, said.

The fees being charged would be used to cover the costs of creative property legal departments protecting sites from violating infringement laws under the SOPA/PIPA act.

"Beyond [privatizing], the next Facebook, the next internet service that people could be really excited about, is not going to happen," Durham said.

Opponents to the bill, such as Cerritos College Physics and Astronomy instructor Carlos Mera, believe that the government does need to enforce copyright laws on the internet, but not to the extreme that is described in SOPA/PIPA.

Mera said, "There are a lot of circumstances where you have to access copyrighted material and you can't give credit, such as when you're working on an educational project and you're not getting any gain out of it.

"The Internet is meant to educate and give knowledge and access to the masses; if you start restricting it, you are taking that away."

After much protesting through temporary censorship, public manifestations and a flurry of angry letters to congress of opposition against SOPA/PIPA, the bills have been halted, but not yet defeated.



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New Jobs: Director of Economic Development Bellagram "Belle" Gomez was speaking to the new Dean of Liberal Arts, David Fabish. Gomez was among many faculty members who attended the reception.

New deans welcomed in meet and greet

Event introduces new faculty deans and Director of Physical Plant to Cerritos College

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A meet and greet session was held at the Cheryl A. Epple Board Room to present the new deans at Cerritos College.

Faculty members such as Debra Moore, Edward Rotherham, Stephen Johnson and President Linda Lacy were among those who met the new deans.

The welcome reception was held on Jan. 19 to present David Moore, the director of Physical Plant and Construction Services, Rick Miranda, the Dean of Academic Affairs, David Fabish, the instructional dean of Liberal Arts and Nick Real, the instructional dean of Technology.

Bellagram "Belle" Gomez, director of Economic Development said, "It is always great to meet new deans. I am very excited for them."

Gomez personally worked with Real, who said he is "a great faculty person."

With his new job, Miranda noted that being a dean is a lot of fun.

"There's just something new every day, the chance to meet a lot of people and see

what great facilities and progress that this campus has in place," he said.

"The vision I think plays a very crucial role on the campus and really is an exciting time to be a dean. I'm hoping to help faculty and students achieve greater rates," he explained.

Fabish untangled how to make student success happen and believes that there can be great actions to help students achieve their goals.

"We need to renew efforts in some of our basic skills courses so that students can get through that sequence more quickly," he said.

As an instructor for 22 years in-

involved with helping students, and being a part of the English department chair prior to being a dean, Fabish said he is doing the same work that he has done but at a different angle.

"I look into the money issue more ruthlessly than I had before," Fabish said.

Dean of Counseling Services, Renée Chomiak said she is impressed by the fact that Moore "has jumped in and keeping us informed on what's going on with the facilities and construction that's going on campus."

"He has to be working with architects and construction people."

Chomiak feels positive energy about the four new deans on campus.

"I look forward to the new leadership and the good capability that we have," Chomiak said.



Grant for court reporting hopes to attract students

Cerritos College receives new grant to help meet increasing demand in the business of court reporting

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Due to a high demand for court reporters, the Cerritos College Court Reporting Department was given a \$95,000 grant to motivate students to become court reporters.

Approximately 200 of the 20,000 students that attend Cerritos are majoring in court reporting. Court Reporting Professor Vyki Morgan is aware of the shortage of students in this department and feels many would consider majoring in court reporting if they were aware of the benefits.

"It's a tough program but [it's] very rewarding," Morgan said.

According to Morgan, an Associates in Arts degree is not necessary to become a court reporter, although earning one is how Cerritos College defines one of the ways a student may graduate.

Similar to the bar exam, a court reporter needs to

pass the State Certified Shorthand Reporters Examination.

Less than 50 percent pass the exam the first time.

However, one may take the SRE as many times as desired.

The SRE is offered three times a year. Students who do not pass may go to work as non-certified reporters.

Non-certified reporters or "hearing reporters" cannot work in the court or take depositions but have many other options for work such as working for the state, taking down hearings and taking down arbitrations.

"There are a lot of opportunities for students of all levels in the program," court reporting professor Mary Balmages said.

Those who are successful in passing the SRE and work in the Judicial Arena are able to type 200 words per minute and those working for the Federal Government and National Court Reporters Association are able to type 225 words per minute.

Court reporting is one of the many jobs that can be achieved with the skills that the department teaches.

The department also teaches skills for captioners in broadcast, CART reporters, scopists, proofreaders, and rapid text entry jobs that work for police departments and insurance companies.

Apple: Students split between choosing ebooks over textbooks

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cause he doesn't believe it's so cost effective, given that the Kindle runs for \$150 and the iPad runs for \$600 to \$700, and if students have to purchase other textbooks for other classes, the price is a lot more money than just purchasing textbooks.

Students weren't so accepting to this new opportunity, as studies show that students still prefer physical textbooks to e-books.

Felicia Manuel, nursing major, said, "I prefer something in my hand, it's more accessible and it takes less time than signing on the internet, needing an internet connection and scrolling through the e-pages, I save

time with the physical books.

Terrence Bonner, undecided major, said, "I prefer the [paper] book because with the e-book, you have many factors to worry about, such as the battery life of your device, data connections, so with the physical book there are less distractions."

Since its launch, the eBooks author app has been downloaded 90,000 times and According to Global Equities Research, Apple reports that \$350,000 worth of high school textbooks have been sold in its eBooks stores alone.

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•EDITORIAL•

Revolutionizing the textbook

With community colleges undergoing budget cuts and rising tuition, will the launch of Apple's new iBooks 2 application really benefit students when it comes to purchasing textbooks?

On Jan. 19, Apple Senior Vice President for Worldwide Marketing, Phil Schiller, announced that Apple launched a new version of the iBooks iOS application for iPod and iPad, which will offer electronic textbooks as well as a new textbook section in the iBookstore.

The high cost of books is something students complain about. Can Apple's new iBooks 2 launch really benefit students?

According to studies, buying an electronic version of a textbook will cost less than buying the actual textbook itself.

One of the major advantages is that it will make life a lot easier for students by carrying a tablet in which they will have all their textbooks available anytime and anyplace.

With the ability to take notes and link to websites with just a touch, iBooks 2 may soon become a popular trend within colleges.

The whole purpose of this application is for purchasing electronic books at a lower price, however you have to purchase an electronic device that may cost anywhere from

\$249 to \$800. So are you really saving money?

Community colleges are undergoing budget cuts, and with that being said, schools will more than likely be unable to provide the electronic devices needed for iBooks 2.

While there are websites who either rent books for less or sell used copies at an even lower price range such as amazon.com and Chegg, studies show that buying an electronic textbook will still save you more money in the long run.

At the moment, students are able to explore their options and visit several websites in order to find a used book at a lower price rather than having to purchase an expensive new textbook.

Apple has made very popular products and it seems as though this application will definitely draw a lot of students toward using the tablet for a cooler, trendier, easier and greener way to get textbooks.

The iBooks textbooks feature will make high school textbooks available first, ultimately expanding to almost every subject and grade level.

Just like with most of its products, the launch of Apple iBooks 2 application will likely make digital textbook sales soar.



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Should smoking on campus be banned?

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University of California President Mark Yudof asked chancellors all over the state to form committees on their respective campuses to implement smoke-free policies over the next two years on Jan. 9.

In my opinion that's not fair. I think there could be a better solution.

Designated smoking areas can be created around campus for students that consume tobacco products. If a person is allowed to consume tobacco products legally, why aren't there more designated areas for smokers to smoke instead of trying to scold them by prohibiting their habit in certain areas.

If there are people out there that actually think that smoking bans will lower the number of smokers, you couldn't be more wrong. Smoking is as addicting as any habit there is which means that smokers will find a way to smoke.

The fact that smokers that attend UCs will now soon be risking citations every time they have a smoking break in between classes or any other times on campus is wrong.

In no way am I trying to say smoking is healthy but it is a problem.

It's a problem that been around profiting the pockets of tobacco giants and banks for years. It has become a habit so addicting and deadly that few people live to tell about how they kicked it.

Stricter laws on smoking is only profiting the government now that smokers can be cited under certain circumstances.

Why not try to stop the problem instead of making it worse? Well that's simply because we're currently living in a global fascist-state that is designed for us to fail due to the fact that there is a huge gap between rich and poor. The rich profit off of everything there is and the poor struggle but get nowhere.

We need to try to fix the problem and come up with solutions on how to treat the psychological dependence the brain develops toward nicotine. We should create more designated smoking areas instead of making the problem worst for smokers by fining them.

Cigarettes are bad for your health, there is nothing good about smoking tobacco.

The first smokers in the world didn't even inhale the smoke, but people these days really take it into their lungs. Tobacco was legalized even though it is 100% dangerous.

Those who choose to smoke are aware of the damage that they are causing to themselves and people should be allowed to make their own decisions.

Secondhand smoke is the reason why I think smoking should be banned from the campus because not only are smokers doing damage to themselves, but also to the people around them.

I also think smoking should be banned because of the influence it has on students.

People who smoke cigarettes don't even want to continue smoking but they find it difficult to quit because of the amount highly addictive nicotine.

There have been ideas on how to reduce the smoking rate in the United States.

One of those ideas where to reduce

the amount of nicotine in cigarettes and include bigger amounts of alkaline. Nicotine as you may know is the addicting factor of a cigarette.

Alkaline, however, is what makes you choke on a cigarette. By applying alkaline and reducing nicotine, smokers will not enjoy cigarettes like they did before, so they'll stop smoking.

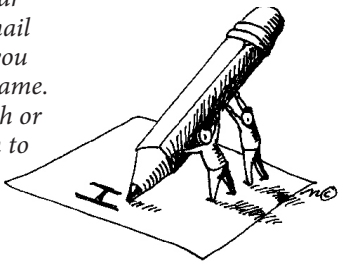
I thought this was a very effective idea for those who want to quit smoking which is the majority of smokers, but those who don't want to quit won't like this very much.

I don't really mind that people like smoking, but as many smokers as there are throughout the campus, there are just as many nonsmokers.

I don't think it's fair for people to suffer through second hand smoke. My sister is a cancer survivor, so cigarettes are her worst enemy.

She plans to go to college next semester so how will she and other non-smokers with her situation study with all the smoke in the air?

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"I'll support anything if it helps people quit."

CARLOS DIAZ
history major

"I'm all for it. I see people smoking where they shouldn't. There are smoking zones in certain parts of the campus and they are nowhere near them."



TRACY CRESPO
biology major

"I feel that it's really good [idea] because there's a lot of non-smokers here."

EDNA JIMENEZ
dental assistant major

"I think it's good to do that because it probably bugs people who don't smoke."



RICHARD BORJAS
political science major

"I say that [a ban] will be a good thing, but smoking relieves stress for students who are working."

OREANNA STEVENSON
criminal justice major

"I feel that it's unfair. We all come here, pay for school, and we are all grown and we can basically do anything on campus so why can't we smoke?"



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Dance Department students' lives thrive through the art of movement

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Cerritos College currently offers more than 20 types of dance classes, from ballet to Middle Eastern.

Dance major or not, students are enrolled in up to three dance classes at a time.

Liberal studies major Celida Russell does just that. "I'm taking dance appreciation, commercial dance, and choreography," Russel said.

She also makes sure to notify others about the classes. "If I have a friend that says they're going to take classes at Cerritos, I'm like, take a dance class, or audition for the dance concert."

According to dance major Ar-eal Hughes, dance classes are so popular that "All of them get pretty much filled."

On top of that, the dance department gets a lot of support from the school. "We also have support from a lot of faculty," Hughes said. "[Cerritos College President Linda] Lacy is really a firm supporter in dance and the foundation as well here. We have a lot of support all over," Hughes continued.

Despite the fact that the dance department gets heaps of support, Russell feels that sometimes people stereotype dance and don't

entirely appreciate the art form.

"People that aren't dancers think it's people running around, jumping, or whatever. They don't think it takes much effort but there's a lot that goes into a dance. We have to work hard to make it look easy."

The dance students also take part in intensive workout regimens during class.

Hughes elaborated. "Here we have to do sit-ups, pushups, all kinds of workouts and certain kinds of yoga techniques. It really is intense and I don't think people really understand that aspect of dance. They think, 'Oh you just dance and you just go on stage' it's just like that. There's no possible way.

"If you literally went through each class and each rehearsal, you would see what people have to go through. We are sweating, there are tears, and we get hurt and pop right back up."

Besides the physical reward, the benefits of dance extend to other aspects of life. "What you're taught in dance, you can bring outside of dance and you can put into your classes," Hughes explained.

Every fall and spring semester, the dance department holds a dance concert where the students can show what they've worked hard for.

According to communications major Juanita Reyes, people are actually lucky get a ticket for a dance concert because, "They are always sold out and there's always new people that come and dance."

Dance is important to these students, and those who are involved couldn't see themselves without it.

"Here, it's really about endurance, about discipline, and about making sure that you make what the choreographer gave you look like a piece of art on stage. That's what we try and give to people a piece of art that they can take home with them and they can leave saying, 'wow, I can't believe those people could do that,'" Hughes said.

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JOHN GONZALEZ/TM

Art in the flesh: (front) Ballet instructor Daniel Bernie giving instructions to undeclared major Stephanie Perez, undeclared major Adrianna Contreras and undeclared major Brianna Masi. Dance classes are held at Fine Arts 55.

'Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close' brings audiences to tears

Movie Review

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

Starring: Tom Hanks
Director: Stephen Daldry

Rating: ★ ★ ★

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"Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" is the type of film that leaves the viewer assessing the meaning of existence on several levels. It is, hands down, the movie of the year.

Sandra Bullock steps out of her prototypical romantic comedy-type roles and captivates consistently.

This is one of those movies that brings on the waterworks constantly. Shedding tears should be expected when watching this movie.

One thing that made this movie so interesting was that while it reminded viewers of the events of Sept. 11, 2001, it also served as a story of hope and redemption as a family

affected by the loss of a loved one in the attack on the World Trade Center struggles to cope with the loss.

While Tom Hanks' role in the film is brief, it is a very important one. He seems to be what people would consider to be the perfect father, which emotionally invests viewers even further.

The pain and grieving in this film is obvious and intense, but what appears to be very real pain is translated on the screen as the emotion is evident.

Told with flashbacks of life before the tragedy, the viewer has a very real insight into the relationship that the family had, and why coping is all the more difficult.

You almost forget that you are watching a movie as the general feeling is as if you are drawn into the pain that is being expressed.

A top-notch film with top-notch performances, if there is one movie that you need to see, this is that film.

Art soon to emerge in 'Facial Impressionism'



COURTESY OF AMBACH & RICE GALLERY

International art: "McHale's Navy Scramble" by Eric Yanker will be displayed on the upcoming art gallery. This 2010 art piece is featured in a exhibit in Seattle Washington's Ambach & Rice gallery.



COURTESY OF BUDDY NESTOR AND HYAENA GALLERY

Dark art: Artist Buddy Nestor's art titled "Stacey Ranson" will be featured in the upcoming "Facial Expression" art gallery. This piece is part of underground art Hyaena Galley in Burbank.

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Facial Impressionism "Immanence Envisaged" will kick off its exhibition with a free, open invite reception Tuesday.

The Gallery will host visitors with complimentary hord'oeuvres and beverages between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m.

Students and the general public will have a chance to see local, national and international artwork.

Created from an array of different mediums, including paint, ceramic and video performance art, the work expresses the artist's take on the relationship between facial expressions and emotions.

The group exhibition features art mixed media art work from sixteen established and emerging artists.

According to Art Gallery Director James MacDevitt, the exhibitions theme was partially inspired from artwork by Cerritos College student Galileo Gonzalez.

Gonzalez's work will be showcased in the "Student Spotlight," a gallery wall devoted with art relevant to the theme.

All of the artwork in Facial Expressionism is available through unpaid temporary loans with the gallery only having to cover the cost of shipping from places as far as France.

MacDevitt states that international art will be featured.

"It is complicated but also wonderful that students are going to get a chance to see this work that doesn't normally show in this country, let alone this area."

He also mentioned, "With the spring semester kicking into high gear, it is possible that vis-

iting art galleries is not on your list of priorities, but because the Cerritos College Art Gallery is conveniently located on your way to class, there is no longer the need to travel great distances or spend money to see creative, high quality artwork."

Child development major Sam Berumen said he will make time in his schedule to visit the gallery because, "I am really interested in art. I want to see new ideas and what Cerritos College has to offer in art."

"I want to see what the students can provide and what they've done."

With an exhibit flyer placed in a visible location on the automobile, parking is free in lot C-10.

The daily parking fee is available for \$2.00.

The free exhibition will run until March 15, giving students a great chance to learn about art, meet with artists and support fellow Falcons.

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Coach Kim rebuilds women’s tennis for upcoming season

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Conditioning, staying healthy and keeping hydrated are just some of the things that the Cerritos College women’s tennis team are doing to get ready for this upcoming season.

Freshman Mandi Jenkinshas has only two years of prior experience before recently joining the Cerritos women’s tennis team.

“I’m looking forward to everything this season. The running, working out, and conditioning are important so when we have long matches I don’t pass out,” she said.

“I think it would be fun this

season being with the girls and playing with the team,” she added.

Returning for a second year, Kim Diaz wants to see one change this season and that is improvement.

“I want to get better and still have fun,” she said.

“This season I’ll be working out, eating right, and I also want to drink water the day before for the next day’s practice.”

Although the girls are more focused on training and conditioning, Head Coach Alvin Kim is preparing the girls by “building” his team.

The Falcons’ first match is on Tuesday at Victor Valley College at 2 p.m.

Women’s basketball wins two in a row against ECC Compton

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Defeating El Camino College Compton Center for the second time in a row, the Cerritos College women’s basketball team won 94-44 on Saturday at Gahr High School.

This was Cerritos’ fifth win in a row.

“I am very happy and proud about how unselfish we were today. We passed the ball, had a good shooting percentage and everyone got involved,” Cerritos Coach Karen Welliver said.

The Falcons began to pull away from the Tartars after Angela Pena and Andrina Rendon, with help from English, were able to get a 14-0 run, which would add to their 31 point lead at this point.

Cerritos was able to end the half with a 54-20 lead over ECC Compton.

For the remainder of the game, the Falcons were able to maintain the lead, and not let the margin drop below 34 points.

This is the first time that Cerritos was able to defeat a team by a margin of more than 50 points.

“We don’t really look to run up the score on anyone. We were playing zone defense and everyone shot well. Playing hard like this is really what it is about,” Welliver said.

The Falcons are currently in second place in the South Coast Conference, with a record of 8-1.

Cerritos’ next game will be away against first-place Mt. San Antonio College today at 5 p.m.



Going for the win: Falcons forward Willie Edwards tries to get past an ECC Compton defender at Saturday’s game at Gahr High School. This is Cerritos’ first win after losing five games in a row. It is also Cerritos’ first time going against ECC Compton this season.

Men’s basketball breaks its losing streak

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The Cerritos College men’s basketball team broke a five-game losing streak with a 81-70 win over El Camino College Compton Center.

The Falcons are currently last in the South Coast Conference with 1-5 record and overall record of 9-11.

In the game against ECC Compton Willie Edwards, Anthony Scott, and Kierre Beverly combined for an overall total of 42 points.

Cerritos came out with a 37-11 lead in the first 13 minutes of the first half.

Toward the end of the first half ECC Compton cut the lead to 38-45.

Cerritos head coach Russ May talked about what areas the team excelled in.

“We passed and attacked the ball pretty well tonight . We had a part in the the first half where we didn’t do very well but overall, it was good,” he said.

Falcons sophomore forward Willie Edwards commented on their win over the Tartars.

“Our team came out with energy because we were in a five-game losing streak. We came out with our heads right and focused. We played as a team.

We tried to limit the turnovers and all the negativity plays that would have caused us problems in the long run.”

Cerritos held ECC Compton Center to 37.7 percent shooting from the field and 30.6 percent shooting from the three point line.

The Falcons’ next game will be away against Mt. San Antonio College today at 7 p.m.

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