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Giving a pint: Red Cross Collection Staff Member Adriana Gonzalez (right) assists liberal arts major Dominique Simmons in drawing blood. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on campus until Feb. 16 to collect blood donations.

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Falcons give blood to save lives

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The Red Cross Bloodmobile was at Falcon Square on Monday and Tuesday and will continue accepting donors until Friday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Senior Field Manager of the American Red Cross Rob Torrez said this is the number one blood drive of the school year.

"On Monday, we had over 120 come in, today so far we're close to 60.

"By Thursday, we should have up to 500, which is phenomenal."

To be eligible to donate blood donors have to be 17 years of age and have a valid form of photo ID.

Donors get tested prior to donating to make sure they are in good health.

One donor can only donate one pint, Torrez said.

That pint is enough to save three lives. "It's all about saving lives, our hospitals are in desperate need of blood," he added. Nursing Major Ana Herrera gave her reason for donating.

"My friend said it's something good to do for the community.

"The best part is my blood saving their lives, that's awesome."

Torrez also noted that there isn't an abundance of blood, and he would like to put those rumors to rest.

"Today, our blood is turning over to people within 5-10 days."

It leaves Cerritos College, it goes gets tested, and it is then sent into a local hospital and gets used by a patient within that time.

The hospitals always ask the American Red Cross to keep a 7-10 day inventory of blood, when in reality they only have a 2 hour inventory, he said.

According to Torrez, the American Red

Cross cannot keep up with the demands of hospitals, and says it is unfortunate.

"If a big earthquake hits, or if a big catastrophe hits, we're in trouble," he said.

That is why he encourages students to donate.

Torrez says he is proud of the faculty here, and especially to those who give extra credit to their students for donating blood, as it is a big help to them.

Art Major Ana Rivas has donated blood before, and says people should look past their fears of the needle.

"You know its going to a good cause, and its a great feeling helping out," she said.

Donors will also receive free tickets to a Los Angeles Galaxy game, and a certificate for a free appetizer from Mimi's Cafe as well as a chance to win a \$500 spa gift card.

Child Development Major Gabriela Ochoa

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Obama planning to help community college students in workforce

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President Barack Obama's State of the Union address outlines many solutions for colleges around the country with new talks of partnerships between community colleges and high-skilled industries,

The president's plan is to properly train 2 million workers with the skills they require that will lead them to a job.

According to usatoday.com, there are 13.2 million Americans unemployed, and 10 million more have taken part-time jobs or have given up searching for full-time work. There are about 3.2 million jobs open, with requirements less than a bachelor's degree.

Obama plans to expand with manufacturing companies around America through the Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

The federal government will work alongside the manufacturing institute through a program to promote a curriculum on advanced manufacturing skills certification system in community colleges in 30 states.

The program, known as the Manufacturing Skills Certification

System, gives students the opportunity to earn manufacturing credentials.

To better aid this design, The manufacturing institute has already partnered with leading manufacturing firms, the Gates Foundation, and the Lumina Foundation.

This plan also includes partnering with key players in education and training, including ACT, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, the American Welding Society, the National Institute of Metalworking Skills and the Manufacturing Skills

Standards Council.

Klaycie Tanedo, an undecided major, expresses that she believes these programs can benefit our school and people looking for work.

"It's good to know that Obama is working with community colleges," she said.

She said that It's better to be trained here at school, it would be way easier to find a job instead of finding training elsewhere where the information and training is otherwise hard to find.

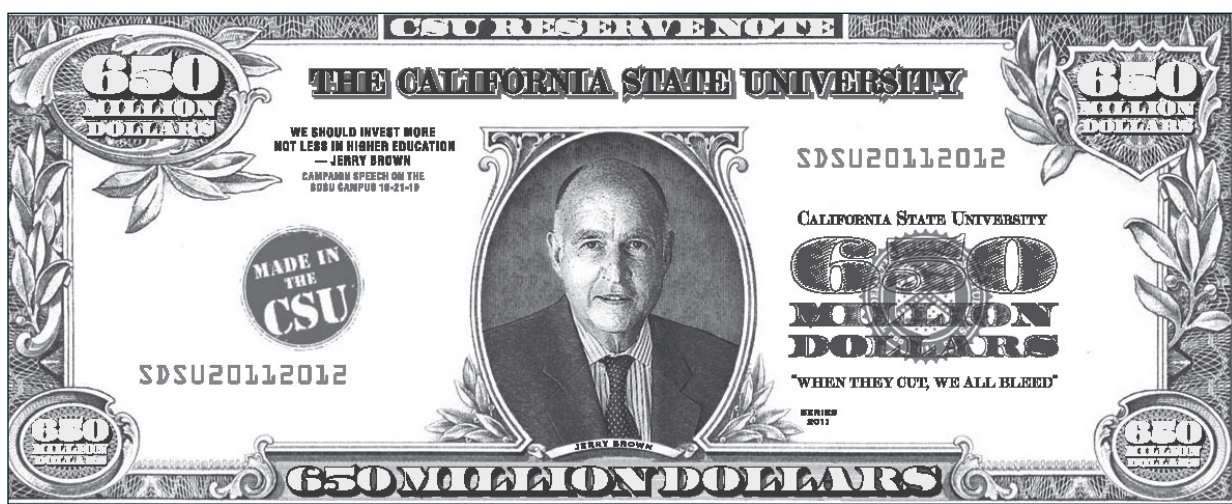
The main focus is to provide community colleges such as Cerritos with training, programs, skills, degrees and manufacturing credentials accepted in many high-skilled industries.

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Scan to listen to undecided major Klaycie Tanedo talk about President Obama's proposal



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Paying the bill: A \$650 million dollar bill with the face of Gov. Jerry Brown is shown, in which CSU students can write on the back of it to explain their financial troubles. These bills will be collected on March 5 to send to the governor's desk.

California universities support 'Buck Starts Here' campaign

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"The Buck Starts Here" Campaign brings student awareness about the continued cuts in higher education.

Approximately 412,000 students from the 23 CSU campuses are in the "The Buck Starts Here" campaign.

Connie Mayfield, Fine Arts Division dean, said, "Anything we can do to raise student awareness of the reasons for our cutbacks is valuable."

\$650 million were cut last year

from California higher education, with an additional \$100 million more cut mid-year.

Tuition has increased by 200 percent since 2008.

Because of these issues, thousands of students have been rejected to Cal State universities.

To support "The Buck Starts Here" campaign, students are allowed to share their personal stories on how the 200 percent tuition increase has affected them, by writing about it on the back of a fictional \$650 million bill with a picture of Gov. Jerry Brown on the front of it.

On March 5, all the bills collected from the 23 CSU campuses

will be brought to the Governor's desk, during the annual California State Student Association March for Higher Education.

Another helpful option would be collecting stories and complaints from other students, organizations and clubs throughout the campus.

Elois Joseph, geography major said, "If it helps for a better, cheaper education I will support it."

Students can get more information about "The Buck Starts Here" campaign by visiting <http://www.csustudents.org/whatwedo/The-BuckStartsHereCampaign.shtml>

Cerritos transfer rates continue at a low level

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Cerritos College's transfer rates have kept their low percentages over the years.

The Fall 2010 semester had shown that only 21 percent of the students who applied to California State University, Long Beach were admitted.

That is 40.1 percent fewer than five years ago. Today, the transfer rate has shown little improvement.

Linda Lacy, President and Superintendent of Cerritos College, reveals that in the fall term of 2011, out of the 716 students who applied, only 222 students were admitted.

That is 31 percent, a 10 percent increase due to a few more federal dollars, according to Lacy, who also attributes the low transfer rate to the Local Service Area policy that both Cal State Fullerton and Cal State Long Beach have adopted.

Students who plan to transfer share different feelings about the reasons they might not be admitted to their University of choice.

English major Wendy Gonzales said, "Because of all the classes being impacted, it is very hard to get all my classes done."

She shared what she was doing to help her, "I am in Teacher TRAC, which does not guaran-

tees my acceptance but it helps me; It gives me a better chance."

Arseny Bishay, business major, said, "I believe I will be well off."

He shares his efforts, "I am trying to keep a good grade point average, the student honors program and extra curricular activities."

Graphic design major Marquis Naborne had different reasons why he might not transfer, "Their requirements might be different here, or if they wont accept the classes I am taking"

Lacy states that the low percentages over these years have been served through unjust grade point average requirements imposed on Cerritos College students.

She said, "When they developed the local service areas, what it did was create a higher grade point average for the Cerritos College students than it did for other colleges."

She gave examples as to what the GPAs look like.

"It would require a 3.5 GPA to get [Cerritos students] into Long Beach and their students a 2.3 GPA," she said.

She stated that it was worst with Fullerton where Cerritos College students required a 3.7 GPA where Long Beach transfers were required only a 2.3 GPA.

She continued, "One of the main things I am most concerned about is that Golden West, Orange Coast and Coastline College, which are further

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Scan to listen to English major Wendy Gonzales talk about being able to transfer



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Physical therapist to speak to Kinesiology club

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Physical therapist Julie Bathke will speak to the Kinesiology Club, according to physical education instructor Debbie Jensen.

This meeting will take place on Feb. 16 on from 11 a.m. to noon in CB 102.

"The special guest would talk about the educational process to become a physical therapist," she said.

She will also speak about internships that will help on becoming a Physical therapist.

"The guest will be speaking about career options on the topic of physical therapy," she said.

The guest speaker is independent from the club and not part of the regular meetings.

Jensen also stated that these club meetings are open to any student that is interested.

Medical professionals to speak to Project HOPE

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Project HOPE will host an event on Feb. 21 that will help out students who are interested in becoming a physicians. The guest speakers will be Dr. C. Freeman, Dr. Nicole Alexander, Dr. Sherril Rieux from the association of black women physicians.

"The speakers will give their expertise on going to medical school and other aspects that involved getting into a career in health care, so I think they will win this year again," he said.

The winner of the competition will be announced during an awards banquet at the end of the semester.

Triathlon club hopes to receive grant

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Cerritos College board members will be voting sometime within the next two weeks on whether to grant the Triathlon Club \$5,800 in order for club members to participate in the Wildflower Triathlon taking place May 4th-6th.

The \$5,800 will allow 12-14 members of the club to go costing around \$500 per person. Money that is left over from the grant will be returned back to the college.

The Olympic Race, the Sprint Race, and the Long Distance Race will be the three events composing the Wildfire Triathlon.

"It's like track except they have it set up in a natural environment," Triathlon Club President Chris Demaree said.



Choosing a major: Students wrting down resources to help them become educated on choosing a major on Feb.13. The Choosing a Major Workshop was presented by Cereer Counselor Traci Ukita.

Ukita helps undecided majors

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A workshop held at Cerritos College on Feb. 13 declared that over 50 percent of students entering college are undecided in their major.

Career Services Counselor Traci Ukita led the workshop and stressed five main factors during her presentation.

High percentages of students enter college undecided about their major. Most students when entering college do not know a major. Colleges and Universities across the United States report that at least twenty to thirty percent of their students enter as undecided. Most students do not stick with their first choice.

Ukita used herself as an example by sharing that she too changed her major several times before an American Government teacher inspired her to be a political science major.

"There will be a time when you have to just bite the bullet and choose a major," she said.

Choosing a major does not mean choosing a career.

Most college majors are non career specific and prepare students for a wide range of occupations.

"You don't have to major in business to do something in business," Ukita said.

There is often flexibility between majors and careers. Ukita provided career.berkeley.edu, a website that shows what careers students can choose by major.

"Typically when you pick something it does not mean you are locked in for the rest of your life unless you do that to yourself," she said.

"There is a test you can take that will choose the best major for you," Ukita said. That test can give people a place to start and identifies patterns of interest and relates your personality to occupations.

"Stretch yourself and see what's out there not just what you are used to hearing about," Ukita said.

"If it comes to a point where you have been here for five years, then that might be a bit of a problem," she said.

Board of trustees member Jean McHatton took awhile on deciding her major, which ended up being education.

Students learn to balance school and family

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Balancing family and school: Child development InstructorAngela Beck speaking on how to balance family and school life. The workshop was held on Feb. 9.

CSU and UC Students being caught sharing notes can be penalized

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A Chico State student was reported to judicial affairs for selling notes to a company the campus called Notehall. Students felt confident doing this business, since Notehall is the note-sharing website owned by Chegg.

Chegg is a company known for selling books at the campus.

Notehall required their student employees to have the notes ready two days prior to test day to distribute them to all subscribers; none of the instructors were aware of such activities.

"Sharing notes should be fine, but if it is a way to cheat off a test then it's not fair," former Cerritos College student, Daryl Ilas said.

The way Notehall would hire Chico State students into the note sharing business was via email. It would send cordial emails individually, and would use sleazy quotes to persuade students.

"Being a note-taker means making money just by being a good student," the email said.

UC Berkeley has a policy that restricts note sharing among students and other individuals.

Part-time sociology and interdisciplinary studies instructor, Kevin Barman said, "I'm not surprised by that, because they have to defend themselves."

Selling notes is illegal in the state of California under the education code section 66450, which implies that no person can give, sell or distribute any kind of academic presentation given by an instructor.

The case given at Chico State was the lack of communication between the instructors and the students participating with Notehall.

"If he decided to upload his notes to the internet he is ought to get permission from a professor," Inhwan Paek , mechanical engineering major said.

The content of the notes can be the opinion of a student, or it can be exactly the same information a professor said or showed during class. In some cases the combination of both.

The ownership of the notes still remains unknown.

"Instructors are very lucky, we have academic freedom, that is what I love about this job we can explore everything and talk about anything. And if somebody takes that and profits by it. They are profiting at our expense," Barman explained.

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The Four Keys to Balancing School and Family workshop that occurred on Feb. 9 was held by instructor of Child Development Angela Beck.

Math major Raquel Ramirez explains why she attended the workshop, "I came because I know I have a ton of things on my plate, I'm always trying to do way more than I have time for. A time management workshop would be perfect for me just because of all the things I'm trying to do."

The workshop focused on ways that students can better improve themselves in many ways.

Biology major Jason Cooper at-

tended the workshop and talked about how it helped him.

"I learned how to efficiently prioritize my time, manage it through my essays and making sure I get stuff done," he said.

Cooper continued, saying, "The thing is, I procrastinate a lot and I need to make sure I get my stuff done. So my plan is to stay in school and stay after school and get it done before I go home because when I go home that's when things don't get done right and I feel that all these extra little tips should help me out."

This is not the first time Beck has done The Four Keys to Balancing School and Family, she has done it at least four times before. She teaches from her own experience and provides the necessary information to help the student along.

Transfers to Fullerton Long Beach struggle: Students continue to struggle with admission to Fullerton and Long Beach

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distant from Long Beach, have priority local admission over us, there for their students drive right through our district to get to Long Beach."

She points out in one of her letters to Dr. F. King Alexander, presi-

dent of CSULB, that their explanation is that its campus will become fully impacted in 2013 does not provide relief to the current situation.

Dr. Linda Lacy has clarified that they will not let this issue go.

Blood drive: Students do their part in saving lives

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said how she felt right before she donated.

"I'm kind of nervous, but I hope everything goes well."

Business Management major D. Parafox says her universal blood type, O-positive, will help many.

"My aunt had bone cancer, and she needed a lot of blood transfusions, so I want to help people in need."

Torres also talked about the competition clubs on campus that are participating in the blood drive.

"The clubs do a fantastic job in promoting the blood drive, they are phenomenal," he said.

During the Spring Banquet, The top club who brings in the most donors will receive the crystal blood drop trophy and a pizza party.

The last formal blood drive will be in April.

"The clubs do a fantastic job in promoting the blood drive, they are phenomenal."

— ROB TORRES
ARC Senior Field Manager

STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

<p>Astronomy Club: Observation Night</p> <p>On Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in Falcon Square.</p> <p>The club will have telescopes to view Mars, Jupiter, and Venus. There will also be baked goods, coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts available as a fundraiser.</p>	<p>Graduating this Semester?</p> <p>Deadline to petition for an A.A. degree and/or certificate is Wednesday, Feb. 29</p> <p>Please fill out your petition to graduate in Counseling as soon as possible!</p>	<p>iFalcon Club: Bake Sale</p> <p>Show your support by stopping by our bake sale Delicious homemade bake goods and refreshments are \$1!</p> <p>Goal is to raise \$ for scholarships!!! Wednesday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Library-sidewalk</p>
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•EDITORIAL•

Class notes: Patent pending

In the spirit of goodwill and for the sake of the goal of commencement, study groups have been encouraged by some administrations in several different classes which involve the sharing of notes taken in class.

This innocent tool of learning and sharing information, has been blemished by the selfish and egotistical act of selling ones notes taken in class to websites that are intended for folks that do not show up to class for whatever reason.

This less-than-noble form of study has forced the hand of administrations to once again micro-manage the whole lot of us because the stupid selfishness of just a few misguided, enterprising idiots.

In order to deter the selling of notes from student to student, some administrations from both UC and California State University campuses strictly prohibit the selling and in some cases, even the sharing of notes taken in class, which would now be considered a copyright infringement issue. That is to say, the students do not have any rights over any of the material gathered in class.

This is the problem: The majority of students do not publish study notes for the sake of making a profit with material and information that did not come directly from them-

selves.

The intent and purpose of this ordinance speaks clearly to those who want to have an education, but do not wish to put in all the necessary time and effort to accomplish that goal.

To pass a class with somebody else's notes is like making a purchase with stolen money. And what would be the purpose of passing a test by answering questions one has never studied and giving correct answers that one does not even understand. That is not the purpose of school, studying or an education. There is an old expression, stating, "Clever people are seldom intelligent." In this case, a truer statement could not be said. If you want a degree in any given subject, you'll have to earn it. On your own.

If you don't have the time, patience, drive or will to earn a degree without buying notes somebody else wrote, then you do not deserve it. This is a universal law of cause and effect.

The problem with this ordinance is not the goal it is trying to achieve. Asking people not to quasicheat is not unreasonable. Creating a learning environment that assures a purity in study with integrity of self accomplishment should be the standard.



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Restricting what you can wear at Cerritos



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For Cerritos College to enforce a dress code would completely take away from its students' freedom.

If any student has a problem with somebody's clothing, that person has the right to respectfully approach their peer and directly state their problem because we are adults and we can handle our own issues.

We have all moved on from high school, and with that transition, we gain the freedom of choosing our schedule and what path of life we want to take in college. Why should we be given limits with our clothing?

Most, if not all college students are over the age of 18 and have been given responsibilities and new freedoms, so we should be given more faith in our choice of clothing, and more respect for us as the adults we have all become.

Students are aware that this is a place of education and are not wearing clothing that would be considered inappropriate in terms of a new dress code, if one were to be enforced.

What would these rules be and how will they be regulated? It would be a hard rule to enforce with such

a big school and large number of students.

There are more students here than teachers and staff, and the school would most likely have to hire more security to patrol the campus as well as the ones we have that patrol the parking lots.

For our school to spend money on things like that when it could be spent on a lot of other things benefiting our students would cause some students to be very unhappy.

Having grown up over the years, most of us are out of that immature stage which causes the way that someone dresses to be a distraction.

Most of us are planning to enter the workforce after college, and some students even have part time jobs while attending school.

We are mature and dress in a way that will give people the impression that we want to move on into a higher education and eventually gain a job.

We want freedom that we have worked hard. We respect our school and we even embrace our pride to go here.

Clothes don't reflect on our grades, our work ethic does.

Why can't we get that respect back and continue to wear what we want?

A dress code on the Cerritos College campus would be a good thing.

It would help prepare us for the working world in which we would no longer be allowed to wear whatever we want.

No one likes to be told what to wear, but it is a fact of life that we as adults have to deal with.

Having a dress code has nothing to do with what level of education you have reached.

Students should come to school to get an education and not to show off and expose themselves, regardless of how old you are or what type of school you are going to.

Campus should be a place to learn the necessary skills to succeed in the business world.

You wouldn't go to work with your midriff showing or in a wife beater.

So why should it be okay to wear something like that to a place where you are practicing and learning what is necessary for that job you worked toward?

If you would like to be able to wear whatever you want to wear, go to Wal-Mart. There you won't be judged for wearing pajamas or jeans that don't cover your butt.

It is important to dress appropriately for whatever you are doing or hoping to achieve.



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As parents would say: Dress the part.

Like it or not appearances mean a lot in our society.

You may be a 4.0 GPA student, but if you go into class looking like you just rolled out of bed, threw on a pair of ripped jeans and oversized clothing that is clearly two sizes too small. The teacher is not going to look at you like you are.

Or vice versa, if you are well put together in appropriate clothes, then you look the part of a student who actually cares.

Don't get it wrong, there is a lot more to being a good student than the clothes you wear, but first impressions mean a lot.

A dress code would help guide students in the direction of what it's like to look and be successful.

In any place of business there is a dress code employees are expected to follow, even if it is just a part time job flipping burgers.

College shouldn't be any different. Lets face it, as much as you want to deny it, when you look good, you feel good, and no one works to the best of their ability when they feel like crap.



"Should Cerritos College institute a dress code on campus?"

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pre-med major

"No they shouldn't. Maybe if it's a private school and it doesn't violate the law than it's okay I guess."

CAROLINE MORALES
physical education major

"I believe no, [we shouldn't] but less revealing clothes would be a good idea."

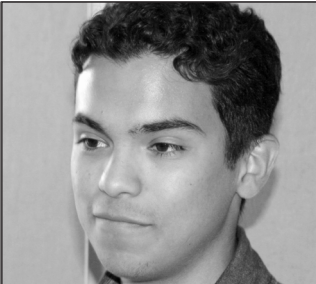


DIEGO JUAREZ
culinary art major

"It would be a waste of money because we have to buy books, and pay fee waivers but we would instead have to buy uniforms or other clothes."

REMIGO NATALIE
undecided major

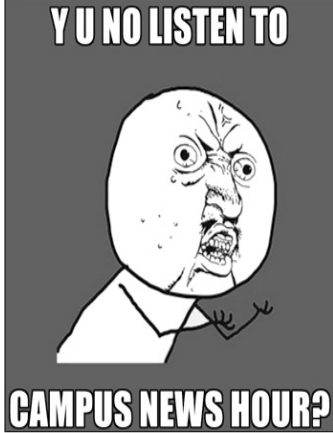
"No, it would make students uncomfortable if we started wearing a type of uniform."



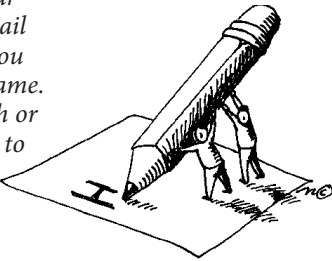
RUBEN ORTIZ
criminal justice major

"No [we don't need] dress limits and restrictions on what we can and can't wear."

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Beauty by cosmetology students extends to clients

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Cosmetology and esthetician students have real life experiences to provide real services from Monday through Friday to clients from outside and from school for a reasonable price compared to expensive salon treatments.

This empowers the students to learn the basis of what will occur out in the field of cosmetology.

Students train an entire year before advancing to the level of working for the department.

Several services include haircuts, manicures, waxing and facials.

Roxanne Mitchell is a client from outside of Cerritos College who has been coming to get to get beautified by cosmetology students for over 10 years.

"It's only five dollars for a haircut, but besides that, the students are learning the latest techniques, so I'm not getting the same haircut all the time.

"The facials are wonderful. I fall asleep almost every time. They do a really good job of cleaning your skin," Mitchell said.

Cosmetology major Jordin Christen mentioned that working with real clients, "is a lot better [practicing with them] than using doll heads.

"It's fun because you get to taste a little of what you are going to be doing [in this career]," Christen continued.

From all of her time working for the department, Christen hasn't experienced any complaints by a client.

"Hopefully that's how it will



Getting dolled up: Cosmetology major Veronique Khuu attending a client at the cosmetology department. Appointments are encourage to clients before arriving to the cosmetology department; walk-in's are welcomed upon availability.

stay," Christen said.

Cosmetology major Jenevieve Bergdorf said, "[In lectures] we learn about sanitation, bacteria, the anatomy [of the body], skin, muscles and the bone structure.

"It's a very elaborate course and our instructors are phenomenal."

Bergdorf also mentioned that because the instructors are really experienced in the cosmetology field, "We get a first-hand education into what it entails for us later to be able to find employment."

The reason that Berdorf feels that beauty inspired students should take

cosmetology courses at Cerritos is because it prepares students for the possibility of working at a salon, the film industry or even in theatre.

Cosmetology instructor Pat Novinski has worked for the cosmetology department since 1982.

"I have had students go on to work for Vidal Sassoon and a lot have gone off to work at Beverly Hills," Novinski said.

There is also a Cosmetology Club that is part of the department.

The Cosmetology Department is located on the second floor [room 202] of the Health Science Building.

Van Halen's 'A Different Kind Of Truth' is not much of an album to brag about

Album Review

A Different Kind of Truth
By: Van Halen
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How could one describe Van Halen's "A Different Kind of Truth"? It was ok.

Yes, much like your family's Christmas parties and the sequel to a movie that you extremely enjoyed, the new album from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band is decent, but not much to brag about.

"A Different Kind of Truth" has its high points as well as its low points.

The song "You and Your Blues" reminds fans of the classic hit, "Dance the Night Away" combined with a bit of modernism in its musical composure.

"Bullethead" provides us with a new style of Van Halen, consisting of heavier riffs and more heavy metal-like rhythms, while at the same time maintaining its trademark VH style.

Quite possibly the biggest low point in this entire album is "Tattoo," the one song chosen by the band to be its single.

Typically, when a song is chosen to be a band's single, it sets the tone for the entire album.

If a hardcore Van Halen fan were

to hear "Tattoo" and base his decision on whether or not he'll buy the entire album on what he thought of the song, that would be one less album that could have left the shelves.

Now, multiply that one statistic by every single Van Halen fan in the world, and we could possibly have a bad situation on our hands.

"Tattoo" is confusing and its lyrics are borderline nonsensical.

Other songs, such as, "China Town," "Blood and Fire" and "As Is" fall through the cracks as not good songs, but not terrible ones either.

It's abundantly obvious that age has taken its toll on Lead Singer David Lee Roth, but it seems to be one of those situations where you don't really seem to mind it because he still has his trademark vocalistic abilities.

Eddie Van Halen, is, well, Eddie Van Halen.

Not much can be said about him, considering that he is still as amazing as he's always been on guitar, once again setting the standard for guitarists everywhere.

One factor that shines by his absence, however, is the missing Michael Anthony on bass, who was replaced by Wolfgang Van Halen, Eddie's teenage son.

Although Wolfgang's ability to play bass can be compared to his predecessor, Anthony's vocals, or lack thereof, play a huge role in the lack of musicality in each track.

All in all, "A Different Kind of Truth" can be described as the type of album that fans wouldn't buy.

Instead, they'll just get behind their computers, Google-search the album name and download it within minutes. That way, they can say they got their money's worth.

Students audition for Romeo and Juliet play at Burnight Theatre

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Auditions for Romeo and Juliet were held Feb. 13 at the Burnight Center Theatre.

Students gathered to audition for roles in the play that will adopt a modernization of Romeo and Juliet.

One such student is Baije Logova, an obstetrics and gynecology major, who has also auditioned for other plays in the past.

Since she found out about the play, "I thought it would be a perfect way for me to get back [into acting] just for fun.

"In reality, I would go for Juliet. But schedule wise, I'm going for any minor role, probably Lady Capulet or the nurse."

Logova also said that her preparation for an audition is staying focused.

"I usually re-read the lines as much as possible and sometimes practice with my sister," Logova mentioned.



Filling out information: Students filling out information forms before auditioning for a part in Romeo and Juliet. Opening day for Romeo and Juliet is on April 27th.

This is the first time that psychology major Anthony Alvarez is auditioning for a play.

"Since it's my first time, I wouldn't mind playing any part."

He chose to audition because, "It's a big play, it's known and has been advertised a lot so I was curious for it."

Alvarez said he has read over books and took classes in preparing for the audition.

He mentioned that studens should always, "Have to prepare a two minute monologue."

Undecided major Marysol Ramos heard about the play and thought it was a good idea that it's going to be modernized.

"Maybe more students can understand Romeo and Juliet's language because I heard its very complicated type of language."

3-D movies are a disappointment



3-D films are being used only for profit by film distributors.

The culture of cinema was originally to watch a beautiful story being told on the big screen so that people can get their minds off of hard times and not to be in risk of serious health eye issues.

Resident Evil: Apocalypse, which was released in 2010 was hyped up a lot because of it's 3-D feature, but it wasn't much of an impact because it was still a terrifyingly bad movie.

cheesy 3-D tricks.

The only good part of it is the fact that they are bringing back their classics onto the big screen so that a younger generation can watch.

Is Disney really doing this for money supremacy or because they really want to reintroduce their classics? Who knows and who cares.

Most of the 3-D effects are not necessary for when the monkey raises Simba into his future kingdom or when the beast dances around with Belle.

The same exists in any romance 3-D film. Nobody really want to see person kissing passionately in 3D.

I honestly don't remember when a film made me want to lean my head back because of a 3-D effect. It dosen't usually cause much reaction other than me saying, it must have been expensive to make that effect happen.

The worst 3-D film still has to be Jackass 3D. Who really needs to see a bunch of guys doing ridiculously hilarious and absurd things in 3D? That's disgusting, not cool.

3-D films might be revolutionary, but for the wrong reasons. Let's get back to the movie theatre for the beautiful cinematic story telling reasons and not just for the eye-popping lameness.

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Two years later: Centerfielder Lauren Castrellon at-bat in a game against Riverside City College. This is Castrellon's first season back after missing the previous two.

Castrellon makes a comeback

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If you have been to a Cerritos College softball game this season, there is a good chance you have seen Lauren Castrellon in action, making defensive plays in center field and returning to her fellow Falcons after taking a leave of absence the past two years.

Castrellon, a liberal arts major, was born in Bellflower and raised in Downey.

Both of Castrellon's parents were high school athletes, which is part of the reason she was always involved with sports at home or in different divisions throughout her life.

"My brother Adrian was my favorite athlete growing up. When we were younger my dad would practice with us and I would always be watching (Adrian) play," she said.

Castrellon, who is often addressed as "Lo" by teammates, played basketball and softball for several seasons at Downey High School, before joining the Cerritos College softball team as a pitcher during the 2008-09 season.

The Rise and Fall

It was during that season that Castrellon was named First Team All-South Coast Conference and selected to be on the All State Tournament team.

Castrellon finished the season among the Falcons' top-12 hitters, with a .436 batting average (12th), 16 homeruns (2nd), 51 RBI (5th), 18 stolen bases (8th) and 2nd in runs scored in a single season with 67 runs.

Despite Castrellon's success in prevoius seasons, she started the 2009-10 season only to withdraw herself shortly after because of differences with coaches.

She would also miss the 2010-11 season due to an injury.

"I blew my arm out at tryouts and decided

I was done, I didn't want to care anymore," she said.

After two incomplete seasons and some physical therapy, Castrellon felt the time was right to return to the team. She commented on why she decided to return.

"It basically came down to me wanting to do it instead of forcing myself to."

Returning from Injury

During the 2011 fall semester, she spoke with Head Coach Kodee Murray about the possibilities of her making a return to the team.

Murray commented on Castrellon's return and said, "When you take a year or two off you get a little older and a little more mature, she is still a quality ball player all the way through and were very fortunate to have her back."

Castrellon is now the starting center fielder and wears No. 16 as an homage to her dad. She discussed the meaning behind choosing the number, saying, "It's more of a personal thing for him to see his baby wearing the number I grew up in. I did it to make him happy."

She describes her current relationship with the coaching staff, saying, "You can pull them aside and talk to them whenever you want and they'll have a good understanding of whatever it is you need to talk about"

Assistant Coach Nicole Deel worked with Castrellon in her freshman season, as well as this season.

Deel spoke about her contribution to the team and said, "Lo (Castrellon) brings experience. She's a good leader who leads a lot by example".

She goes on to say, "She's a great athlete who

can run, hit, throw and play defense. She's pretty much the package deal".

Team Leader and Role Model

Castrellon is a prominent member of the team, whom is very vocal in the huddles as well as on the field.

Fellow outfielder Courtney Priddie mentions some of the things they talk about in the outfield

saying, "We joke around but a lot of the time she is positioning me and telling me where to stand".

She added, "Having Lauren out there is like having a coach out there".

Playing leftfield, is sociology major Maiya Tallakson who described Castrellon's leadership skills.

"She talks with us and makes sure we know what were doing, and stays on us," she said.

Tallakson also mentioned Castrellon's focus on the game and said, "She'll (Castrellon)

remember how the batters hit the last time and makes sure were in the right position".

Castrellon expressed her feelings toward the sport.

"It is a hobby that I am passionate about and really love," she said.

She added, "I want to take advantage of playing it while I'm still young and in my prime."

Castrellon is currently studying to be an administrator and plans on transferring to Cal State Fullerton.

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Priority enrollment should not go to athletes



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Athletes should not get priority registration for several reasons.

While I do respect athletes, I believe that they should not be treated differently than any other student who is struggling to get the classes they need to transfer or get their degree.

Currently, the people who get priority registration are those who are disabled, EOPS Students and Veterans.

This information is listed in the Cerritos College catalog.

However, no where in the catalog does it say that athletes get priority, yet they still do.

I think if it was listed in there, there would be far more dispute over it.

It is understandable that they need to plan out their classes so that they have time for their practices and games, but that is the only valid reason I can think of.

Even then, there should be a dif-

ferent method for athletes to plan out their class schedule without just rewarding them with priority registration.

Some might say that they get priority because they need to get good grades, they make our school look good, etc.

The sad truth is that not every single athlete is the same, just like not every person is the same and there still are some that end up not transferring or doing well in their classes.

Athletes aren't the only ones who deserve to get the right classes. Many students have jobs and they need classes that won't interfere with that.

It was the athlete's own decision to take part in an extra-curricular activity in the first place, therefore he should be able to take the responsibilities that come with that.

Even the pep squad doesn't get priority registration and there they are with the teams at every game.

The school needs to find a better, fair way to decide who gets priority registration.

Perhaps the school should base the registration priority on academic standings.

BMX rider takes first in Soulstyle competition

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BMX rider and speech communications major at Cerritos college, Jamie Bonthius, 22, has come in first place in the annual Soulstyle competition.

The Soulstyle Competition is an annual music and art festival that represents the spirit of hip-hop through the combination of music, art and live BMX element.

Bonthius has been riding since he was 12.

He was inspired by his older brother who used to also ride BMX.

"I was young, the little brother always wants to do what the big brother does."

Although he rode all the way through high school, Bonthius decided to take a three year break.

When he decided to start riding again, he began to ride in a different discipline of BMX called "flat land". Liset Gomez, Bonthius' girlfriend and Communications major at Cerritos College explains what a flat line is.

"Flat land is when one of your wheels is constantly on the ground. It's very technical."

One of the hardest tricks to do according Bonthius is the prison spin.

"It's a time machine where you have your bike vertically up by your side, and you're grabbing the wheel and handle bars, and you kind of hook your leg on peg and take both your hands off while spinning."

With no serious injuries besides a broken rib and a dislocated shoul-

der, Bonthius explained that he got most of his major injuries such as broken knees from skateboarding and not bike riding.

Bonthius is not sponsored by anyone at the moment but he has done photo shoots for Nike, has participated in the NBA All-Star half-time show.

During his participation in the Soulstyle Competition, Bonthius came in first place beating a Nike-sponsored runner-up.

His prize was a blue bike frame which he currently has on his bike.

Jimmy Dorantes, administration of justice major and friend of Bonthius, describes him as amazing and very .determined.

For young and aspiring BMX riders Bonthius advices them to get out everyday and push themselves to do new tricks.

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Men's swimming prepares for meet at SCC Pentathlon

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In its second meet of the season, the Cerritos College men's swim team will be competing at the SCC Pentathlon at Pasadena City College.

Long Beach, LA Trade Tech, Rio Hondo, Pasadena, El Camino, Mt San Antonio and Chaffey are among the schools that will be competing against Cerritos.

A week ago, Cerritos competed at the Waterman Festival and Pentathlon at Palomar College where the highest place the men's team placed was Freshman Albert Vidal

at 22nd.

Having put in plenty of practices, Head Coach Joe Abing is confident that the team will do well at Friday's conference at Pasadena City College.

"The guys have been working hard so it should be a good meet," Abing said.

Although the team will be swimming against a larger variety of schools, business major Dustin Yi says he is confident his team will do well.

"I'm not nervous or anything because when we give 100 percent at practice, we do great at our meets," he said.

Feeling prepared for Friday, Yi says his backstroke is his best asset. "It comes so natural to me," he said.

Electrical engineering major Kurt Thormodsen has had about six years of experience in competitive swimming.

Because of the time he has dedicated to the sport, Thormodsen's interest has increased throughout the years.

"Swim is an individual sport because really, you compete against yourself.

"It's really about breaking your own time and going faster than you did during your last swim," he said.

Believing that efforts from the

team is crucial to score a win, Thormodsen is confident that Friday's meet will be exceptionally well.

Film major Diego Sanchez said, "Practice and commitment are the real key to success."

He added, "Attitude plays an important factor too because it can help bring up the morale for everyone else who might be a little nervous."

Sanchez is excited for the extra competition.

"The more competition, the more fun I have," he said.

Friday's meet will begin at 8am and continue throughout the entire day.



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Just keep swimming: Breast and relay swimmer Anthony Cortez practices his stroke during practice. Cerritos ended their season last year at 18th place in the state championships.

Men’s tennis loses home game

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Fighting for the win, the Cerritos College men’s tennis team were routed at their home game against Mt. San Jacinto College on Thursday.

The Eagles scored a clean sweep 9-0 leaving the Falcons with a 2-1 record for the season so far.

Mt. San Jacinto dominated singles play not giving up a set.

They had a tougher time in doubles but ended up taking all three matches in that division as well.

“We made some very basic mistakes,” said Alvin Kim, head coach. “Their heads weren’t in the game.”

It was the third loss this year as the Falcons focus on rebuilding the fundamentals with their team.

Mt. San Jacinto brought much of last year’s team, full of international players.

The Eagles took second place in last year’s state championship.

“The players need to focus on each shot,” assistant coach Jenny Tsal said.

She went on to comment on problems that plagued the team.

“They tend to get off focus and nervous and it shows in simple avoidable errors. If they think about each shot individually, make each shot just right and not think about the score, they’d do better,” she said.

“When they get worried about the score they loose focus on the shot, she continued. “We need to

do a better job of being in the moment. The point that matters most is the one in play,”

Freshman Todd Jenkins, who consistently ranks among the top 10 California community college men, came close to winning his singles match but sustained an injury.

He recovered but it prevented him from playing in the doubles match.

Another doubles match was decided by injury when Kyle Porter lost a decision 7-5 when he was forced to retire.

“It was a heart breaker to be sure but we continue to learn, grow and improve every game,” Kim said.

He added, “It’s learning the hard way. As long as they keep their head in the game, they’ll continue to build a solid foundation.”

Cerritos came close to two doubles wins as Porter and Marcio Dapont teamed up for a 8-6 lead only to see it fade. Two sophomores, Andrew Turner and Ryan Ilagan built an 8-5 lead in their match, but the Eagle players came from behind to take the point.

The Falcons next match will be at home against Los Angeles Pierce College on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Last season, Cerritos only played once against LA Pierce and beat them 5-4.

Track runs in its first meet of the season in All-Comers at Mt. SAC

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The Falcons had their first track meet on Friday at Mt. San Antonio College.

Angel Fuentes, who does the heptathlon for Cerritos, talked about the areas where the team excelled.

“We did well in the throwing competitions, we scored in the top five.”

Falcons’ long and short jumps coach Christian Joseph talked about how the team did in the jumping competitions.

“Ultimately we did poorly in the jumping competitions, but it’s our first meet so we’ll have more progression,” he said.

Geoffrey Ricketts, who runs the 400m and 800m, also talked about the meet.

“It was good. I got to race against the top school in the state,” he said.

Fredrick Coleman who runs the 100, 200, 400 and is also a high jumper, talked about how the team

is starting off this season.

“Right now everyone’s just getting in shape. The winter break kind of messed everybody up.”

The Falcons next track meet will be Feb. 17 at Cerritos’ track at 9 pm.

Last season, the Cerritos College track teams finished second and fourth overall at the California Community College Athletic Association State Championship.

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Defending the basket: Cerritos guard Anthony Scott defends the ball from LA Harbor shooting guard Jason Daley. Cerritos currently has a 9-16 record.

Men’s basketball places last in conference

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With both freshmen and sophomore guard Anthony Holiday and Kierre Beverly scoring double digits, the Cerritos College men’s basketball team was unable to get the win over LA Harbor College, losing 79-51 in their Feb 10 game.

“I thought Holliday, Kierre, (Jeremy) Chadwell, and other players gave us good baskets and great runs at the beginning of the game but we were unable to get the victory,” Cerritos College Head Coach Russ May said.

During the first half, Cerritos was able to get an early 10-4 lead with sophomore guard Jeremy Chadwell was able to shoot two three-point jumpers.

With LA Harbor getting rebounds over the Falcons, Harbor was about to cut the deficit to only two, and eventually was able to take back the lead.

“Our enegry died down and we didn’t maintain the same pace through out the game,” Holliday said.

The Seahawks was able to pull a double digit lead with 6:30 left, and was able to maintain it for the remainder of the game.

Holliday said about the season, “There’s been a lot of changes this year but we tend to

just play hard and play together.”

By the end of the first half, LA Harbor was able to have a 16 point lead.

“If there was more trust the within team we could of had a different game going on,” Holliday said.

Second half gave the Falcons many opportunities for free throws, but weren’t able to make them.

The Seahawks were able to prevent Cerritos from scoring much in this half, only allowing the Falcons 19 points.

“We have trouble coming back (from a deficit). LA Harbor dominated in getting boards and we had trouble sinking in our shots”, May said.

Holiday and Beverly were able to lead the team in scoring, with 11 points. Freshmen guard Victor Jones and sophomore forward Darius Williams lead in rebounds, getting nine and six respectively.

With a record of 9-16, point guard Manuel Garcia talked about what the team needs to improve on in the last couple of games in the season.

“Defensive skill work and maintaining and keeping the ball in front of us is something we definitely need to focus on,” he said.

Cerritos remains in last place in the South Coast Conference have a conference record of 1-10.

As far as the next game is concerned, Garcia said that staying focused and staying competitive are two things the team needs to think about.

“There was a lot of miscommunication and a lot of defensive failures. In this game coming up we want to have team cohesion and better communication.”

For Garica himself, he said that he will be a better contributor to his team by passing the ball, and taking better shots

There are only two more games in the regular season, with the Falcons playing Los Angeles Southwest College next on Feb. 10 at Gahr High School at 6 p.m.

This will be Cerritos’ second time playing LA Southwest this season.

The first game the teams played against one another, Cerritos lost 69-75.

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