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Cerritos reflects on chancellor's retirement

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With the announcement of California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott's retirement on March 6, the Cerritos College community reflects on the work he has done for the community college system as well as the state of community colleges.

Cerritos College President Dr. Linda Lacy refers to Scott as someone who fought for the community college system.

"He has been a very strong advocate for community colleges because he knows most of the people on 'The Hill' [California State Legislature].

"He knows the legislators; he knows how to speak to them and he's been a great statesman," Lacy said.

Regarding the current state of the California community college system, Lacy says that the struggle that all community colleges are having will continue to be made a point to state legislators throughout the transition period after Scott's retirement takes effect on Sept. 1.

She said, "We're going to continue to do business and we're going to continue to lobby the legislators and try to get our message out that we've hit our rock bottom in educational funding and we've got to get that message across. Hopefully, we get somebody in there that can help us with that same message that Jack has begun."

Scott took office in January of 2009. During his time, he has had to encounter issues affecting the community college system, such as budget cuts and limiting course offerings for students.

Lacy credits Scott's ability to lead community colleges through a tough time.

"Jack has taken over the leadership during the absolute worst crisis in the community colleges'

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Kony 2012 inspires student activism

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Activism organization Invisible Children's latest campaign, Kony 2012, is becoming a topic of conversation from those who have heard of it, with Cerritos College students being no exception.

Kony 2012 is a video created by Invisible Children Founder Jason Russell, highlighting the actions of Ugandan war criminal Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army.

Cerritos College students and faculty have weighed in on the video's effects in influencing social activism, regardless of whether or not they have seen it.

Kinesiology major Joe Magana believes that by simply sharing the Kony 2012 video with others, awareness for this subject can be raised, as well as educating those who did not know about the ongoing conflict.

"It makes everybody knowledgeable with what's going on because a lot of people

didn't know about it before the video came out.

"I heard about what was going on, but I didn't know what it specifically was; with the video being posted on Facebook and with people talking about it, it opened up the idea that this guy does exist," Magana said.

Invisible Children's call to action to "Make Kony Famous" is to take part in an event titled, "Cover the Night" on April 20, in which the organization is encouraging those who have seen the video to go into the streets and cover every building and space available with posters and other paraphernalia provided by the organization.

Invisible Children offers what it is calling an "action kit," a box containing posters, buttons and other objects to support the Stop Kony campaign.

It offers this kit for a minimum monthly payment of \$15, which is used to earn membership with TRI, an organization dedicated to the capture of Kony and the rescue of the child soldiers of the LRA.

According to the TRI website, "100 percent of your contribution will go straight

to advocacy, awareness and events that directly focus on ending the LRA's atrocities."

Magana believes that while donating \$15 per month could help the cause, putting up posters on a domestic basis may not prove to be beneficial.

"Fifteen dollars would be fine, but I don't think that putting up posters here in the United States would help, but \$15 would help better than just showing a video."

Undecided major Cindy Rodriguez believes that given the time that has spanned since the conflict in Uganda has taken place, releasing the video now and attempting to raise awareness may be too little, too late.

"I've seen the video but, in my opinion, I wish it would've come out sooner because now he's [Russell] trying to do something, and everyone's trying to do something when it's been happening for many, many years," Rodriguez said.

Much like Magana, Rodriguez also does not see the point of taking part in the "Cover the Night" event.

She said, "I don't know if that would make a difference, I don't know if that would make people go out and do something."

Political Science instructor and Adviser for the Amnesty International Club Victor Obasohan states that in order for students to truly be involved in promoting awareness for issues such as the conflict with Kony and

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New initiative to encourage recycling on campus



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALDO LOPEZ
Photo: Shown above is the recycling center located at Long Beach City College. ASCC Commissioner of Vocational Education Lance Makinano is attempting to create an initiative which will bring a similar recycling program to Cerritos College.

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A new initiative that will place recycle bins throughout the campus and make money for the ASCC was discussed by the senate during its meeting on March 14.

Starting a Recycling Center on campus is also part of the initiative.

Commissioner of Vocational Education Lance Makinano is a supporter of the initiative started by Earth science instructor Crystal Lo Vetere.

"It [the Recycling Program] has failed for the past seven years and we're really pushing it this year because of the budget cuts, so we can't really count on revenue that we once got from either the state or the federal government," Makinano said.

Other colleges like, Orange Coast College and Long Beach City College have recycling programs that supplement revenue for the ASCC revenue.

"ASCC has been looking for ways to supplement revenue, and find ways to keep a generating income into ASCC funds," Makinano said.

According to Makinano, the projected cost to build the Recycling Program is about \$105,000.

Some of the cost will go to campus wide recycle bins, tilt truck carts, beautification supplies, and an expert consultant.

"Over the long run, you can project how much [revenue] it's going to make.

"But you can't really project how much it's really going to make, but it will make money provided that you already paid for the initiative investment," he said.

According to Lo Vetere, the program will not only make money for the ASCC but it will create jobs for students.

Students will work for the Community Recycle Center that is part of initiative.

Accounting major Albert Rea

likes the idea for the campus.

"I think it's a good idea because I see so many empty bottles and plastics around the school and I think if the school is going to make money then it's definitely a good idea," he said.

Rea explained a different reason of why it's a good cause for the campus.

"It's better than having random people coming here and taking the profit of what students throw away," he said.

English tutor Ronald Farol agreed with Rea about the bottles and waste thrown around the campus.

"It's doing something productive, I see a lot of bottles in the trash cans and I think it's a waste of money," he said.

The initiative will be discussed again and possibly voted on by the senate during its next meeting on Wednesday.

A campus celebration returns to Cerritos



Taking the plunge: Cerritos College Athletic Director Dan Clauss sits in the dunk tank during the first day of Hoe Down Days on March 13. The event took place from March 13-15.



Party's here: Talent, Mary Lee Lackey engages in a conversation with a student. The "One Woman Party" is an attraction available for Cerritos College students during the first day of Hoe Down Days.

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The ongoing tradition of the Hoe Down Days celebration has come and gone at Cerritos College, bringing three fun-filled days of music, games, activities and tasty delights for everyone to enjoy.

Festivities kicked off last Tuesday, with a Carnival Block Party along the quad's sidewalk where students were treated to live music and various carnival games.

As students enjoyed carnival games like the Basketball Hoops Challenge, The DJ played "La Macarena" and Soulja Boi Tell 'em's "Crank Dat," sparking a flash mob of over 20 dancing students to burst into the quad's pit.

Associated Students of Cerritos College volunteer Janet Ramirez and her friends couldn't resist the temptation to dance and join in on the fun. "We heard the songs and we were like: Oh, my God! We know this song! Then everyone jumped in. It was fun to forget that everyone is watching you and just dance" she said.

It was a feat that took everyone by surprise and challenged the thrills of dunking a member of the faculty at the ASCC-sponsored Inter-Council's Dunk Tank or smashing a pie in the face of participants like Math Club adviser Angie Conley.

Later in the evening at the Social Sciences Patio, chicken sandwiches from Chick-Fil-A, paired with a frosty bottle of Jarritos soda were given to away to students while supplies lasted.

No meal was ever without a

show, and the evening's refreshments were accompanied by the antics of Maureen, Mary Lee, The one woman puppet party.

Ernie Brainy was also present at the patio aboard his mobile game studio to challenge students to trivia pursuit and win movie tickets.

Wednesday morning, Hoe Down Days took over the Student Center to present the annual Chili Cook Off and Mr. Cerritos pageant. The center's hall filled with the collective aromas of beans, spices and meats seared to perfection by all cook off competitors.

The pageant's audience saw men from various campus clubs strut the runway in hilarious wardrobes.

Both competitions pitted contestants into rivalries that were eventually resolved. In the end, Mr. Cerritos hopeful Santiago Zuniga emerged victorious. Chili enthusiasts Yajaira Bardales, Angelica Mendoza and Enrique Vivar all won in their respectable categories.

The festivities came to a conclusion on Thursday the 17th with an In-N-Out luncheon served at 11 a.m. on Falcon Square. All students and faculty were invited to enjoy the free meal which included a short cup of Pepsi, sea-salted chips and an In-N-Out cheeseburger fresh off the grill.

All of these activities and complimentary treats were brought for students to enjoy thanks to the collective efforts of both the board of ASCC and the Hoe Down Days planning committee.



Dancing away: Nursing major Luis Ong takes part in a flashmob at the Cerritos College Amphitheatre during Hoe Down Days. Several students took part in the flashmob, in which they were dancing to the song, "YMCA" by The Village People.



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Cosmetology Department clips prices for students

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The Cerritos College Cosmetology Department provided haircuts and other grooming services to students during day two of the Hoe Down Days festivities.

According to Reddick, they made about \$90 that day.

Cosmetology Major Evelyn Felix said, "We are actually doing haircuts for \$4, manicures for \$3 and eyebrows for \$2."

She added that haircuts are \$5 at the department, while manicure and oil manicures are \$4 each.

She continued, "So we pretty much gave a dollar discount today just to have clients in and raise money for cosmetology."

Cosmetology Department Treasurer Reneya Reddick shared her thoughts, "We're basically out here today advertising for the Cosmetology Department."

She continued by saying the rea-

son for advertising is because no one knows where the Cosmetology Department is because it's in the back of the school.

"So we're out here today giving discounted haircuts, manicures and eyebrow arches to advertise the program," she said.

Welding major Londa Yescas decided to stop by for some grooming, "I'm here getting a manicure because I was walking past and \$3 is a good price for a manicure."

She continue that her decision to stop by is because she's been to the Cosmetology Department to get her hair done before and admits they do a pretty good job.

Cosmetology major Sheree Ibey talks more about the fundraiser by saying, "It was good, we were able to advertise a lot and let people know that we're here and the services that we offer and even if they didn't get a service that day we still give them flyers so they can come by here any time and do the services any day they'd like."

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history and navigated us through some really tough times, but that type of thing would take a toll on anyone."

ASCC President Jasmin Ramirez believes that Scott's retirement will be very meaningful, especially with the state community colleges are in.

"It's funny that he's leaving at such a crucial time for us community college students. I think it's going to be a huge impact on the community college system," Ramirez said.

Aside from serving as California Community Colleges Chancellor, Scott previously served as president of Pasadena City College and also served in the state assembly in 1996 and the state senate in 2000.

Animal science major Vanessa Gonzalez describes her time in the community college system in one word: "frustrating."

Focusing on the financial advantages, she said, "It saves me money, but it takes up a lot of time now because if I was at a Cal State or a UC, I would've had my associate's degree already and be on track for my bachelor's, but I'm not because I'm at a community college."



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Prepare to work: Disabled Student Center Counselor Aurora Segura demonstrates the correct way to approach employers at the job fair. The Job Fair and Career Expo will be on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Library Sidewalk.

Students prepare for job fair

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The way to prepare for a Job Fair was the topic in Disabled Student Center Counselor Aurora Segura's workshop on Tuesday.

A Job Fair is a place where students can meet and network with employers, get job and internship information, and learn about their career options.

What students might not know is that the employers evaluate you while you speak to them, even if it is only for 30 seconds, according to Segura.

She explained that after you have met with the employer at the fair, they write notes about their first impression of you.

"That is why dressing in business attire, preparing your resume ahead of time, and practicing a sales pitch about yourself is key to making a good impression, she said.

Segura talked about the importance of making yourself stand out among the rest.

"Learn how to market yourself in a way that makes you special, in a way that makes you more of an asset to an employer,

"Most students don't know how to market themselves," she said.

Students attending the Job Fair should bring a copy of their resume to give to employers, according to Segura.

After meeting with an employer, students should ask them for their contact information so they can know the status of their resume.

The reason for that is because employers will tell a job seeker that they will send their resume to their resource department, which Segura calls "the wormhole" because they never actually take a look at it.

"To prevent this, students should ask, who do I contact at the resource department?" she said.

Segura explained what she wants students to specifically get out of the workshop.

"I hope that they will learn basic skills of interviewing, and how to deal with employers and approach employers in a proper manner.

"A lot of students are poorly prepared for job search, employment preparation, so my goal and my hope is that they will better prepared so that they can get the job," she said.

She also talked about a website named Onet that tells you information and outlook on specific careers.

Court reporting major Marlene Zuniga said what she thought about the workshop.

"It's going to help for when I go apply to whatever I want to go for in the field, so its pretty good.

The last workshop to prepare your resume will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon in BE3, and will be presented by Segura.

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Most students don't know how to market themselves.”

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AURORA SEGURA
Disabled Student Center Counselor

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WPMD opens its doors

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Cerritos College Broadcasting Club will open its doors to the public Wednesday as it hosts an open house to build awareness of the station and the opportunities it presents to anyone interested in electronic media.

The station will continue operations as usual during the open house.

Students, faculty and staff might get to see live broadcasting during their tour of the station.

"We want them to find out how easily they can participate in their station," Jamie Rob Flores, WPMD Broadcasting President said. "We're different than other clubs because we are here to serve the other clubs.

"We want them to get to know us and what we can do for them like public service announcements for campus and club events."

Visitors and club representatives can enjoy snacks from the fund raiser while they learn about how the station can be used as an effective communication tool for both club members and the general public.

Those who are interested can be introduced to the editing and programming software used to announce or cover club events.

Broadcast operation will continue as usual during the open house so guests might get to witness hosts and quests live, on the air. Gildardo Aquino, will be performing a variety of music from the hill right behind the station during the open house.

"It's exciting and fun, knowing you can get the word out to people," Aquino said.

"In 2001 I was hanging out with friends at another station and met some on-the-air celebrities and got into it [radio] more."

Radio had a similar effect on psychology major German Sanchez. "It grew on me. I took the class and it became one of those things. I just love doing it."

Being on the air and online expands WPMD's reach from neighborhood to global. "On Facebook from Houston was listening," Aquino said, "and one time from Boston. To know that not only people here but across the nation are listening to me, becoming fans, wow."

As host, Sanchez and Aquino often engage in on-the-air conversations with various subject matter experts.

Some of the experts bring years of experience to the microphone others, bring enthusiasm and a love for the subject.

"German invited us once to talk about science and I ended up stick-

ing around because I like talking about science with people." Jared Head, earth science major said.

Teaming up with Blake Cavert, theater major, Head pilots a lively three way conversation about anything that might have anything to do with science.

Cavert who describes himself as a "superhero and comic book, anime type person," sees broadcasting as more than communication.

"I love performing and see radio as another way of performing," said Cavert. "We just talk or so it seems but there's more to it. We need to keep the audience entertained.

"Yeah, I'm a recovering theater major," he jokes.

Paul Greer along with co-host Divjot Singh discuss area sports during their weekly show.

"It's all about different opinions, the college view-point," Greer explained, "This is where we get to express how we see things."

Greer and Singh not only sometimes have area professional sports celebrities and writers as guests they use networking like Facebook, Twitter and more to keep in touch and up to date with teams and players.

"We can do a lot more for everyone on campus," said Flores. "I hope we can generate more participation like clubs using out services to get the word out for free."

Kony: Cerritos College reacts to Kony 2012

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the LRA, they must first educate themselves on the subject matter.

"Students need to be engaged to call attention to some of these atrocities in other countries that are not their own," Obasohan said.

He also went on to say that students can be too involved with what is going on in their own lives to be concerned with other world issues.

He said, "Students feel quite comfortable where they are right now. This generation is all about 'me, me, me' and you don't worry about others.

"This story can galvanize students to wake up; There are stories all over the place, in our country, out of our own country, to get students mobilized to do something."

Unlike Rodriguez's opinion in regard to the immediacy of the issue, Obasohan believes that no matter when an issue is raised, it is relevant so long as something is done about it.

"Whenever it happened, it is true; whether it happened yesterday, it is true or whether it happened today, it is still true, so no matter when it happened, if you are aware of the story, what do you want to do about it?"

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Students have suggested that they need more classes, lower tuition, better access to class materials, and information, more computers, campus wide WI-FI, longer library hours, more lighting and security at night, more campus employment opportunities, exploration of the "Oil-Tax Initiative," solutions to the "Service Area Issue," and even programs to make our campus "GREEN," and self-sustaining.

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Getting a job is a step away

A common topic among college students is them complaining about how they need a job. But what are these students actually doing about it? Students need to stop sitting on their butts and waiting for someone to hand them a job. Take the initiative to go out and take advantage of the resources that are offered on campus. An excuse that some students make is that there are no jobs available. In Feb. 2012, the Bureau of Labor Statistics published a news release stating that approximately 12.8 million people were unemployed. With our country in a recession, businesses are looking for people who

want jobs badly enough and are willing to put in the hard work. If students aren't constantly nagging these companies where they're seeking employment, they just get ignored and put aside. Did the Career Center just disappear out of thin air? Was it blown up? The Career Center is available every day for students with thousands of job listings available. There is no charge, nor any fees that you are required to pay, but you may occasionally have to wait a few minutes for assistance if there are other students there. The college also provides students with job fairs.

It is something that the college makes available to students in between classes in crowded areas of the school, so that students are given the opportunity to check out what jobs are available to them. Some students will take advantage of the opportunity, while others just walk past and don't even pay attention to what the job fair has to offer. They might just be walking past their entire future. Many students are undecided about what they want to study for a career in anyway. Instead, they take all these freshman classes and then start taking a bunch of random classes to figure out

what interests them. If you're testing out the waters by paying money for all of these ridiculous classes, why not test the waters by listening to what people have to say about different careers for free? It's not going to hurt you to take a few minutes out of your day to listen to someone and get a pamphlet. Let's face it, not everyone is going to be a successful doctor, lawyer, teacher, or musician. Why not just take the chance to see what your options are for a career? It's a lot better than working the register at McDonald's until you're 80 years old.

Think before getting behind the wheel without a license

Is a law that applies equally to everyone discriminatory? That happens after politicians and activists label it as such and the media touts their cause with "victim" stories to foster public support. Everyone who drives should be licensed. That statement does not indicate a bias against any group of people what so ever. That is exactly how some are labeling a law that forbids anyone from driving a vehicle in California without a license. Some are claiming that it unfairly targets illegal immigrants. That is not true. People who are not trained, licensed and insured should not be on the road, period. It is dangerous and endangers the lives of fellow drivers and pedestrians.

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Driving without a license in California is a misdemeanor according to vehicle code 12500 vs. and it applies to every human being in the state with absolute equality. It is illegal for an undocumented immigrant to drive in California period. A person can not get a driver's license without a federal tax-payer identification number and can not get that if here illegally. What's being discussed is our own government forming a legal loophole to greatly reduce

the punishment for breaking a good law. Currently if a driver is caught driving without a license his vehicle is impounded. Under the proposal the criminal can call anyone with a license to come get the car and avoid impound. The obvious problem with this proposal is that nothing stops the untrained, unlicensed and often uninsured driver from getting behind the wheel the next morning. This puts peoples lives right back in the crosshairs. Many people dislike the illegal label. I've been warned that I'd be labeled a racist or worse for writing this opinion piece. My point has nothing to do with race and neither does traffic law. Among other things, a driver's license indicates that you are probably safer than those who are untrained and do not respect the laws.

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School's computers and social networking sites shouldn't mix

Campus computers are not available so that students can update their status on Facebook or Twitter and should therefore be inaccessible to students. Computer labs in classrooms and the library are there so that students can research and do homework for their classes. They are there to try to help students so that they don't have to go off campus for internet access. However, most students will be sneaky and have a tab open to their social net-

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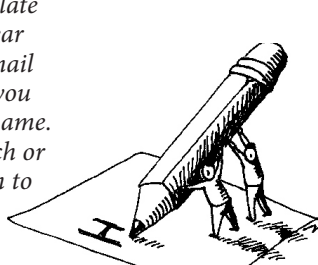
work. I didn't know that it was vitally important to a person that all of his friends and family know that he is bored while at Cerritos College. I know that in this day and age, Twit-

ter and Facebook pretty much run everyone's lives, but there is a time and place for everything. It's bad enough that as a superpower we are behind in education compared to other countries like Japan. What's worse is that it's because we are too busy finding out that Debbie Johnson just bought a new dress at Forever 21, instead of doing research for our science or history classes so that we can become

smarter. Those students that are trying to get work done before they go home are limited to the amount of computers available because other students are too busy instant messaging their friends and seeing who was invited to Saturday's party. If students really need to access their

Facebook or Twitter, then they can get an app on their phones or bring their laptops. If not, then why are they wasting time and computer space?

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Last week was pretty interesting on campus. Classes have definitely gotten more hectic as midterms are in progress, but as a whole, it's a motivating experience.

Tuesdays tend to be my most stressful day as I am usually at school from 8:30 a.m. to around 10 p.m. but this past week was not nearly as stressful for some reason.

I decided to make realistic goals for myself regarding my school work, and then make more difficult goals once those goals had been completed. Having constant tasks to meet severely helped my mental mindset.

I honestly put a lot of work into meeting my goals.

Like anything in life that you want to be successful at, practice is pivotal to achieve that success. I can only hope that the amount of time that I have put into my classes will translate to success.

With the amount of fun and exciting things going on around campus last week, school felt more like a carnival than a stress-filled place of learning.

I am learning that time management is more important than ever as the amount of things that I am involved in on campus can sometimes take away from my studies.

However, when I learn better time management, I should have

no problem balancing all of my campus-related activities.

Ironically, it would be fun to be involved in more of the things that our school has to offer.

I am not sure if it is realistic to think that I can balance my family life, school, as well as my professional life, while taking on more outside of what I already take on, but it would be fun to try.

One of the most exciting things for me is being able to use my life experiences to help people around campus. There is something about knowing that I am being helpful to others that is very inspiring.

Later in the week, a stranger came up to me on campus and randomly asked me about my faith. Somewhat puzzled by the question, I answered that I am a Christian. This person responded, "Makes sense, you are very helpful."

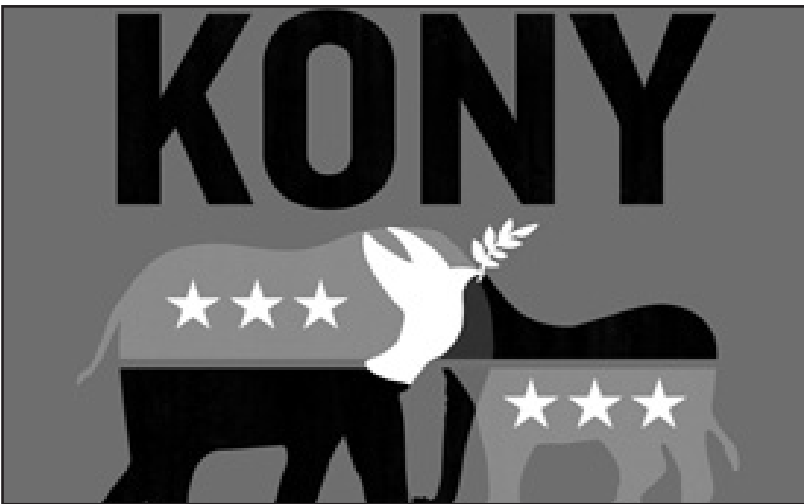
It struck me as a bit odd because I had never so much as seen this person around campus, yet they knew of me and of my faith.

I was then asked if this was my first time in college. I responded that I previously graduated from college and that I am a returning student. This person again responded, "Makes sense."

As I walked away from that brief conversation, I felt a small sense of accomplishment, and an even greater desire to be that same person as that stranger saw me, but to be that person for as many people on campus as I can.



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Why are we concerned with Kony 2012?

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Where's the campaign for The Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka? The campaign for the Drug Cartel war down in Mexico? Only a few hundred miles away from our own border. What about the charities for the families, towns and lives lost in recent tornados in our own country?

You see, with these stories you have to get familiar to both sides.

You have to dig deeper into research, to find out what's going on in this world past the emotional but yet terribly one sided stories such as Invisible Children where they present some facts, but leave out other necessary facts and information.

Kony was charged with crimes against humanity by The International Criminal Court in the Netherlands on Oct. 6, 2005. An alleged child abductor who brainwashes children to fight for him and sells them as sex-slaves.

But why the sudden need? Why the overnight global interest? Why has it become a priority to everyday people like you and me?

Is it similar to Egypt's overthrow of its president, Hosni Mubarak?

The Occupy wall street protests and other social media upbringings around the world?

Kony and his LRA vow to overthrow the Uganda government, they proclaim to be fighting for the Ten Commandments, perhaps something that a lot of us Americans believe in.

Briefly, the LRA now resides in South Sudan, parts of The Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, and Sudan, not Uganda.

Where in fact Kony and the LRA have disbanded since 2006, This invisible children movie was filmed entirely in Uganda, not where the problem that they campaign about really is.

If you research this Uganda problem, this did not arise three weeks ago. It's been something our government knows about,

In 2008 The U.S. reached to provide assistance financially and logistically to the Ugandan government by giving equipment, fuel and intelligence but was still unsuccessful in capturing Kony.

The result of these acts were more funding for the Uganda government and 100 military advisors that were specifically ordered not to engage in direct combat against Kony's forces unless in direct self defense, their purpose

was to inform, prepare and advice nations in Africa to partner against the LRA.

Do you endorse an all out war in small countries?

Do you endorse the killing of innocent wives and children who have no choice but to be under Kony's rule?

Think about that for a second before you share that video, By now you Probably think I'm supporting Kony, wrong.

If you look at Invisible Children's financials from last year, they spent nearly \$9 million, but only about \$2.8 million of that went to "direct services" which means only \$2.8 million went to Uganda.

Ben Keesy, CEO of Invisible Children, earns \$88,241. Jason Russell, Co-Founder and filmmaker earns \$89,669, Laren Poole Co-founder and filmmaker earns \$84,377.

Combining for a very generous \$262,287, with a million more in transportation costs because Invisible children isn't based in Uganda, it's based in San Diego, with most of rest going to staff salaries, film production, travel, etc.

Be aware of where your money goes, a wristband and a few superstars aren't going to solve this problem. Making Kony famous does not help the problem.

The trash is piling up



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Littering has always been an issue for the urban environment.

There really is much to say about why people shouldn't just stop and throw away their trash.

In the neighborhoods throughout the city, there isn't as much trash as there is in a public place like a shopping center or a park.

The city is your home, so stop trashing it up.

You wouldn't trash up your own house now, would you?

There are many trash cans around so just take the time to throw out your trash please.

Georgina Pinanuri psychol-

ogy major expresses how she feels about the situation, "is it really that hard to throw your trash away, I really hate seeing people not picking up after themselves."

At the Student Center, there is a problem with littering, and it needs to stop.

The Student Center is not a big dump.

Ricky Pacheco health major explains why there might be as much trash in the student center, "there are a few restaurants at the Student Center and I have seen a couple of students not pick up after themselves.

"It just seems kind of wrong to leave your trash any place you want."

Keeping the campus and classrooms neat is an important part of being a student, because Cerritos

College has to be presentable.

Since the Student Center attracts more people than anywhere else on campus due to the game room, ID center and food court, it is important to keep it as clean and as presentable as possible.

Elois Joseph adds why she thinks there is more garbage around the student center, "I am usually around the student center because a couple of my friends like to play pool in the game room and it seem like there are more students around there than anywhere in the campus.

"That's why I think there's more trash there than anywhere else."

Students, pick up after yourselves, it is not that hard.

"There are plenty of trash cans around, toss your garbage there not on the floor.

Outdated popularity contests



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After senior year of high school, you would think that college students would be over the whole voting for king and queen of the school stuff and it would just end there, but it doesn't.

We have homecoming courts and Mr. Cerritos instead, which are pretty much the same thing as what we dealt with every year of high school.

It is so outdated, ridiculous, a complete waste of time, and serves no purpose to our college campus.

Why are people so intrigued with who the most popular or most liked student is?

Are we still stuck trying to relive our high school glory days?

Honestly, most people could care less who the homecoming queen or who Mr. Cerritos is.

The only people who really vote are people who know the running candidates, just like every election at school.

What does the Homecoming Queen or Mr. Cerritos do for us students?

Absolutely nothing.

It doesn't help us out with paying for our classes or helping us pass our classes.

So why have these court elections? It doesn't affect any of us so

why should we care who wins and who loses.

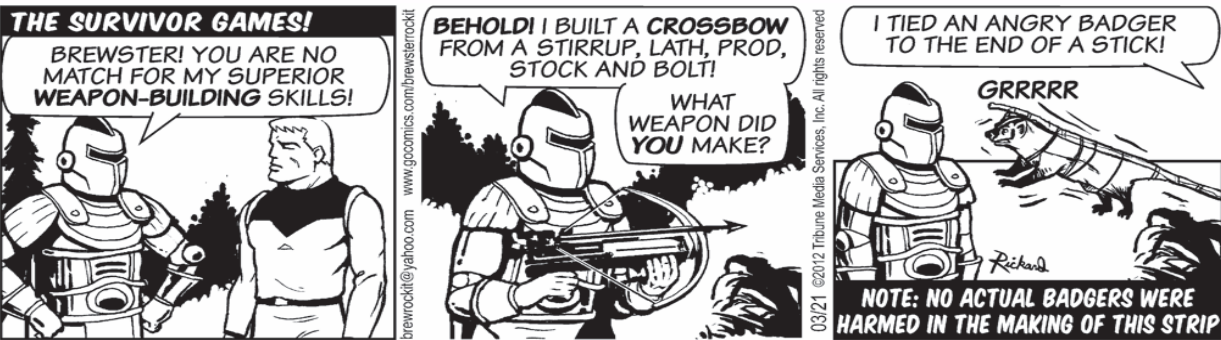
It's exactly like high school, one night where the court gets all fancy and dressed up, the winner gets crowned, and then you go home.

Is that really something people should look forward to?

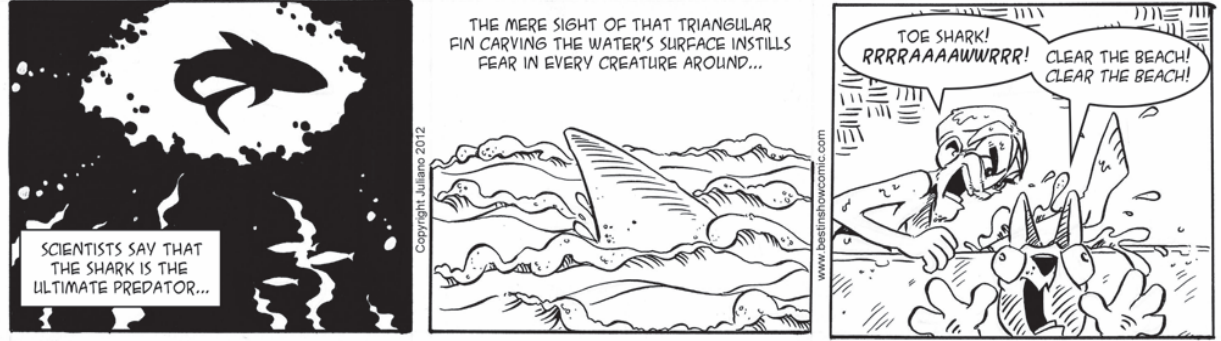
If they want a crown so badly, they can go buy one at Party Warehouse for 12 bucks and walk around school, doing the Princess Diana wave.

If the student government wants the campus to get involved so badly, it should think of something other than what reminds us of why we found high school to be nothing but a popularity contest all four years.

BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY BY TIM RICKARD



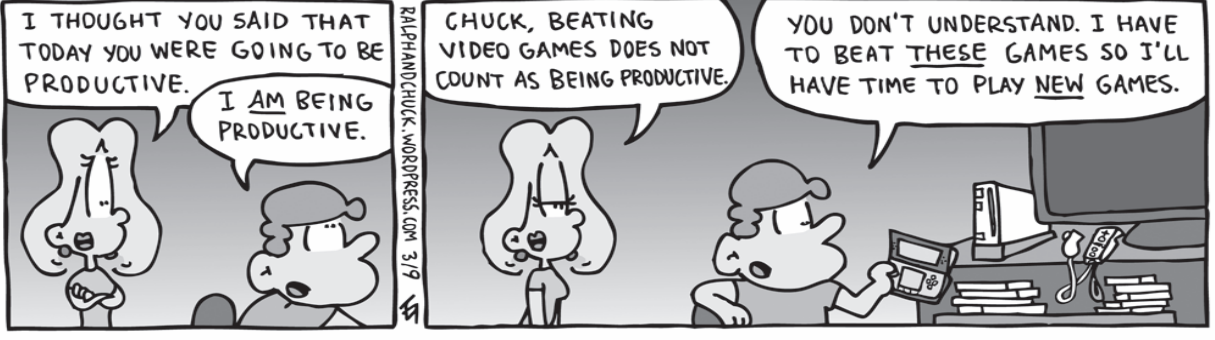
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Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Josh Shalek





On the air: Radio host for “The Nonsense Hour,” Angel Alcalá, working on the control board in the WPMD station on campus. Alcalá started his show last semester to play music.

WPMD impacts lives on and off campus

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Business major Raymond De La Torre said WPMD has had one of the biggest impacts on his life. He explains, “Before I arrived here and started making a difference, I was extremely anti-social and I couldn’t really speak to people and now it’s no problem, I could talk to almost anyone about anything, and I love it.” WPMD Radio has been broadcasting music to Cerritos College students since 1991, with the acronym standing for “Where People Make A Difference.” Instructional aide Casey Piotrowski explains how WPMD

works with students step by step. “I’ve seen a lot of people walk in here who had a desire to work on the radio, had no skills and no experience.” He said that with some training, practice and support, WPMD has turned a lot of people into good radio performers. Piotrowski explains how he relates to students, “My best time in college was working at the college radio station. I was radio rat, I hung around there all the time. “I understand. I really relate to how much fun they can have doing this and we try to create as fun an atmosphere as we can. Generally speaking we’ve been able to do that.” Broadcasting major and WPMD

Broadcasting Club President Rob Flores explains how students working on WPMD can reach people outside of Cerritos College. “On WPMD, we reach a world-wide audience, so we can go ahead and entertain and inform the entire world. I think that alone is incredible.” Flores goes on and says that while WPMD reaches out worldwide, it also has a website and signal of AM that reaches out to a few surrounding communities. Radio broadcasting major Gildardo Aquino, also known as DJ Demo, explains how WPMD helps people build careers in radio. “When I started this program my whole idea was to be on radio.” Aquino also said that the

WPMD program has helped him a lot in becoming a radio personality. “WPMD is a great program. They really teach you to get out there, motivate you to go ahead and follow that dream to be on radio. “Well, most definitely I believe that this is the electronic medium in which all students can network.” Flores said if a student is in a club and he wants to promote himself, WPMD radio can make that possible. “WPMD has reached out to clubs, tried to reach out to ASCC leaders to speak and inform students on matters and several campaigns,” Flores mentioned. He continues by stating, “It’s very interesting how when the station first started it played in different areas on campus.”

Action not lived up to in “21 Jump Street” comedy

Movie Review

21 Jump Street

Starring: Jonah Hill
Director: Phil Lord and Chris Miller
Rating: ★ ★ ★

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“21 Jump Street” is a great comedy film but the action is ill-fitting. It almost achieves that level of entertainment a young audience is looking for. Sony chose to revamp the old 1980s show and make it into a modern movie, but fans of the show will be delighted to see Johnny Depp’s cameo during the end scene of the film, Depp played Tom Hanson in the show and revived his role in the movie as well. What sets it apart from others are the characters. Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill clearly have great chemistry together; even the co-stars bring this movie up in enjoyment. Dave Franco plays the popular kid Eric. His performance was up there with his co-stars Hill and Tatum in this film. He really stands out and made the scenarios much more entertaining. Hill brings charisma to his films such as “Superbad” and “Get Him to the Greek,” that likeability transferred over in “21 Jump Street.” Tatum, however, was lackluster in his comedy role in the movie

She’s The Man, but picks himself back up and shines in this movie. The movie has key elements that are so obviously set up but never fail to make you laugh. It has it all, insults, physical comedy, drunken antics and cliché sex jokes. Originally a nerd in his old high school days in the film, Hill fits in with the popular kids who are the key suspects for the drugs being produced throughout the school. Back in high school, in the film, Tatum was a jock in high school in his return he fits in with the nerds and tries to use them to hack into a drug suspect’s phone in order to crack the case. These different crowds induce a bit of a feud for Hill and Tatum in the movie, that is where the likability of the characters is tested on the audience, to see them come back together and solve the case is a great feeling. Comedy and characters aside the movie has one drawback: the action. People will be constantly laughing throughout the movie, but once the so-called “action scenes” comes on screen, it splits from the comedy that the humor just goes away. For an action and comedy movie the, action was so played out and looked as if it was forcing us too laugh. The director tried to switch it up by having them run in funny costumes and drive a pink Beetle, those comedy stunts weren’t needed during an action scene. The end was clearly set up for a sequel which is good to look forward too, this is a movie teenagers will love because of the characters and the comedy portrayed by two very comedic actors.

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Take the lead: Former Cerritos College student and current Texas A&M track and field runner, Ameer Webb won the NCAA Indoor Championship this year as a junior. He ran the 200 meter in 20.57 seconds.

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Former students win at current universities

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Former Cerritos College students, Ameer Webb and Karlin Stewart have both recently won national titles at their universities.

Webb went on to Texas A&M University and won the NCAA Indoor Championship as a junior.

In the 200 meter race he won the gold medal with a time of 20.57 seconds.

Previously, as a sophomore Webb had won the State Championship.

Taking home the National Championship in the long jump event, Stewart aided his indoor track and field team at Grand Canyon University, winning the NCAA Division II Championship.

Director of track and field, Doug Wells, commented on how he felt hearing that the students are moving on to universities saying, "We (the team) were pretty excited that they both got scholarships and moved on because of course they built up their eligibility with us" Webb attended Tustin High School which is where Wells first spotted him and started timing his runs. He won 100 and 200 meters at that meet.

With the help of a Cerritos College assistant football coach who contacted Webb who came into contact with Wells and started the process of recruiting him to the Cerritos track team.

Stewart transferred from Cuyamaca College in San Diego to Cerritos.

He made it known to the track team that he wanted to run. The track team worked for a year training him before he was eligible.

Wells reflects on his first encounters with the two former Falcons by saying, "They are both really good individuals, we never had a problem."

"Karlin was a team captain and Webb holds our school records in both the 100 and 200 meters."

"They both have natural talent. They were both hard workers."

"When they came out here to train it was serious business. They trained hard and they worked hard"

Wells added.

Tied with Oklahoma's Mookie Salaam, Webb's time equals the 10th fastest collegiate time ever; his best time coming into the meet was 20.26.

Webb spoke with the Texas A&M Information Team about reaching that spot.

"I'm very excited with that time. I didn't think I was going to go that fast," Webb said. "It wasn't what I was expecting, but I'm glad I did it. I'm a bit mad I missed the school record, but it gives me something to chase next season."

"I just listened to Coach Henry who told me to go out and just kill it in the first round. Getting the best lane for the final was the best thing I could do in the prelim so I went out as hard as I can."

Webb almost broke the school record at his university of 20.38 in the preliminaries in the 200 meter by reaching a time of 20.39; the current record was put into place in 2010.

"This laid out perfectly for what I want to accomplish this season. Running 20.39 is so close to my outdoor personal run of 20.33. So, it just opens up a whole new world of times I can run outdoors," Webb said.

Stewart's distance for his long jump win was 7.53 meters; this distance provided his team 10 out of the 54 points when winning the championship.

This feat gave Stewart an All-American status.

Another accomplishment for him was placing ninth in the triple jump with a distance of 14.51 this jump, among the other accomplishments of the team helped give Grand Canyon its second national title.

Some advice that Wells gave Stewart and Webb when they were about to leave for their universities was "you knew they were going to train hard and work hard the main thing is go to class."

Do the right thing and surround yourself with good people and make sure you get that degree."

Wells spoke about how they interacted with the other members of the track team saying there was never a problem they were always team players.

Only on videotape has Wells seen Webb or Stewart run for the universities, but will see Webb run this Saturday.

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What a hit: Falcons' outfielder Evan Sanchez makes contact while at bat during the team's game against ECC Compton on Monday. It was the team's first win after a six-game losing streak.

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Baseball breaks its losing streak

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Making a comeback after a six-game losing streak, the Cerritos College baseball team won its home game 3-2, against El Camino College Compton Center on Monday. The Falcons started the game off ahead of the Warriors with two runs and one hit.

The game had originally been scheduled for Saturday but due to weather conditions, the game had been re-scheduled.

On whether or not the weather benefitted the team, outfielder Chris Esparza said, "It did help a little bit by having the opportunity to practice on Sunday and we were then given extra time to focus and get ready to play."

Infielder Daniel Renteria drove in for outfielders Evan Sanchez and Bubby Rossman to score.

Esparza said about their win, "We played as a team and didn't give up. We actually played all nine innings and we just fought the whole game."

In the third inning, Cerritos scored its last run of the game.

Second baseman Chris Hefner talked about

the overall improvement that the team made.

"We stuck with our game plan. We went into the game knowing what we needed to do to win and it worked."

Specifically, Hefner said the team improved its defense.

"Our pitching also improved a lot yesterday. That is what kept us in the game," he added.

By the end of the game, Hefner had three at bats, one hit and two assists.

In the fourth, ECC had two runs and three hits.

During the last five innings, both teams went back and forth, trying to prevent each other from scoring.

The rest of the game had no recorded hits.Third baseman Zach Johnson said who he thought was a key player in the game.

"Definitely Jon Villapondo because he dealt and competed hard."

Villapondo was the starting pitcher for the

Falcons, pitching for 7.2 innings with two strikeouts.

As far as motivation, Johnson said, "Frustration has been our motivation. Everyone's sick of losing so us being frustrated everyday has made us buy into the Cerritos way which is winning."

Johnson had four at bats, one hit and three assists in the game.

When it came to communicating as a team, Hefner said, "The team chemistry has been there all season. We just had to all pull together and work as a team to get the job done. That is what made the difference."

Cerritos' next game will be at home against El Camino on Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

This will be Cerritos' second game of the season against El Camino.

The Falcons are currently 4-14 in the season and 1-5 in the South Coast Conference.

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Men's and women's track and field place top four in home relay

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Placing at least fourth in individual events, the Cerritos College men's and women's track and field team hosted the California Relays March 14-16 at the Cerritos College track.

Cerritos College assistant track and field coach Kristen Joseph said, "Today is going to be a very good day there's a lot of competition out here and were going to see how they act toward the rest of the competition."

Joseph continued to say, "Preparation takes weeks and months of training. If they train enough to run in this type of meet then later on in the season we're going to see how far they have gotten with all the training we have put them through."

Overall, Joseph is satisfied with the way his runners have been performing and he is looking forward to running against American Rivers College.

He said, "The best runners are Ariana Wright from the women's side, she is the best female sprinter running an 11-9 in the 100 meter race and Najee Jackson on the men's side is running a 10-7 earlier on

in the season, so we're going to be looking forward to the both of them to be knocking those times down a lot later on in the season."

Jackson, who is running the 4 by 1 and the 100 meter race said, "I am trying to get at least 40 points today in the 4 by 1 and in the 100 meter race I'm trying to get a 10-4."

He added, "I'm real baffled about Joseph saying I'm the best runner. They're a lot of good runners out here. Ameer Webb was here last year running a 10-1."

"In my event I'm pretty good but I would not say I am the best runner. I plan on improving meet by meet, and I don't want to peek too early so by the end of the year I'll be running a 10-3 or a 10-4."

Jackson continued, "I hope to get a scholarship and go to a D-1 University".

Vance Washington said, "I normally run the open 200 meter but I'm only here to support my team today, we're going to have a lot of personal records today".

Washington said, "Jackson is the fastest on the team but overall it's Juan Tapia because has speed and endurance."

Tapia runs the 200-meter race for Cerritos College.



JOHN GONZALEZ/TM

Jumping leaps and bounds: Cerritos College's decathlete Alfie Medallo participated in the high jump event. Medallo was among one of the many athletes who participated in the decathlon and was the only Cerritos athlete participating the first day of the event.

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