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Campus Police arrest armed Theater Dept. performer

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A cast member of the Cerritos College Theater Department's upcoming play "Romeo and Juliet" was arrested on Tuesday night for possession of a loaded firearm inside the green room of the Burnight Center Theatre.

The individual has been identified as Steve Miller, who was scheduled to play Prince Escalus.

Miller will not take part in the play anymore due to the arrest. His role has been taken over by a different actor.

According to Cerritos College Chief of Police Richard Bukowiecki, Miller, who was not a Cerritos College student, was found brandishing a knife, and police found more than a loaded gun in his backpack once he was detained.

Police later searched a backpack that Miller admitted to owning and found the following:

- Two .380 Caliber Pistols with a round chambered and a magazine loaded with six rounds engaged.
- 9 millimeter magazine loaded with 10 rounds
- A Starter pistol loaded with six blanks
- A folding knife with a 3 ½ inch blade.
- Two opaque cylindrical containers
- A flask containing a liquid with a smell to that of an alcoholic beverage.

According to cast member Steven Luna, Miller also made Theater Production Manager Etta Walton and a production crew member uncomfortable with verbal threats.

The police report stated that an individual called campus police because he noticed that Miller brought guns that looked real.

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SARAH NIEMANN/TM

Flames abound: A white truck caught fire on Monday in parking lot C-10, located on Studebaker Road. Automotive students helped the driver of the truck out of the vehicle as the truck was smoking.

Truck ablaze on campus

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A white truck caught fire in parking lot C-10 of the Cerritos College campus, near Studebaker Road, on Monday afternoon. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The fire was extinguished by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The driver, who is not a Cerritos College student, was picking up her sister who currently goes to Cerritos College.

The woman noticed smoke coming from her vehicle and pulled into the parking lot.

Students who were at the automotive building saw the truck smoking and ran to help the woman get out of her car.

Shawn Rutkowski, an automotive student was one of the first to go help.

"As soon as she parked it, you could see the flames coming out the sides. So we ran over to tell her to get out. She came running out and we got the fire extinguisher but it just didn't help at all," Rutkowski

said.

Marc Gessen, another automotive student, was with Rutkowski and went with him to help the woman.

"It started smoking then we saw a little bit of a fire. We yelled at her to come out, then it caught more. Then we ran and got fire extinguishers," Gessen said.

Robert Shiekh-Ali was the student who ran to campus police to inform officers that there was a car on fire. "They already had part of it determined. They just asked what kind of vehicle it was. I just told them it was a white little pickup truck," Shiekh-Ali said.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department approached the parking lot 27 minutes after the incident was reported.

There were no injuries as a result of the fire, and the extent of damage is unknown at this time.

The woman who was driving the truck declined to comment.



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Damage control: Los Angeles County Firefighters extinguish the fire coming out of a white pickup truck on Monday at Cerritos College parking lot C-10. According to the Los Angeles County Fire Department, firefighters approached the scene of the incident 27 minutes after it was reported.

Twelve instructors recognized as outstanding faculty



LAUREN GANDARA/TM

Family celebration: Speech instructor Angela Hoppe-Nagao hugs Sofia, her youngest daughter, after receiving the Most Distinguished Faculty award on Thursday. Hoppe-Nagao was one of 16 faculty members who were acknowledged at the Outstanding Faculty Awards at the Cerritos College Student Center.

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Faculty members were recognized at The Outstanding Faculty Awards on Thursday at the Student Center.

The faculty members who were recognized are:

- Craig Breit for Mass Communications
- Dani Carroll for Dental Hygiene
- Stephen Clifford for English
- Kimberley Duff for Psychology
- Christine Ersig-Marcus for Speech
- Walter Hammerwold for Mass Communications
- Mark Hugen for Mathemat-

ics

- Michelle Lewellen for Psychology
- Manuel Lopez for Mathematics
- Francie Quaas-Berryman for English
- Lynn Serwin for English

Among those recipients were many students who went to see faculty members recognized for their work.

Dean of Academic Success Bryan Reece was impressed with how many students participated in the award ceremony.

He also thinks that all the recipients deserved their awards.

Reece said, "I know each of them personally. They all do a fantastic job in the classroom and outside the classroom."

Speech instructor Angela Hoppe-Nagao, who is also Chair of the Speech Department was recognized as Most Distinguished Faculty.

This award was presented by Erik Duane of Information Technology.

Reece stated that Hoppe-Nagao deserves her award, "She is a very good teacher in the classroom and a very good chair for the department."

Kataherine Lewis, dental hygiene major heard that her dental hygiene instructor Carroll was going to be recognized for her work as an instructor and came with others to show support for her.

"She is a great professor and we just wanted to see her there and cheer for her."

Breit spoke about his award, "With any award especially in this nature you can't feel anything but good."

He has said that his peers have been very supportive and that someone came up to him saying "Isn't this about your fifth time?" When in fact it is just his second time winning the award, his first was 20 years ago.



Cover the Night: Above is part of what the participants of Cover the Night did to show support for Invisible Children. Due to the lack of participation, only a few of these displays were scattered throughout the Cerritos College campus and the surrounding areas.

Participants lack in Kony 2012

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After all of the buzz about Kony 2012 Cover the Night on Twitter and Facebook, on Friday there was very little sign of Kony 2012 participation.

There were very few posters and even fewer volunteers participating in Cover the Night in the Norwalk, Cerritos, Pico Rivera and Santa Fe Springs areas.

Cover the Night was an event that was to take place at sundown as people across the nation cover their cities in Kony 2012 posters, making the Lord's Resistance Army leader Joseph Kony ultimately famous.

The point of making him famous would help create support for the United States Army to go into Africa, track down Kony, and arrest him.

After the Kony 2012 video went viral, people around the world, especially the younger generations, were tweeting and posting on Facebook about how impacted they were after watching the video and talked about how they were going to do their part to support the cause, which included Cover the Night.

Only the two people in charge of the local aspect of the event

showed up to the meeting place to start putting posters up.

Rio Hondo College criminal justice major Leslie Raymundo, was the coordinator for the Norwalk, Cerritos area said she was disappointed that no one had shown up.

"It goes to show who's really doing it to help and who's really doing it just to be part of a fad," Raymundo said.

Raymundo and her friend Michelle Perez were the only ones to show up to the event at the Cerritos Towne Center.

Perez, an architecture major at Long Beach City College, said that she expected to see many more people from surrounding colleges such as Fullerton, Cypress, and Cerritos.

"The event that was done on Facebook for the Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs area was sent to about a thousand people and 600 said they were going to do it so I'm pretty sure some of them are doing it but just didn't meet there [at the meeting place for the event] but they're doing some type of awareness."

Raymundo and Perez came prepared for the event, they wore their red Kony 2012 shirts, had two large posters and about 50 flyers to hand-out to their followers and to put up around cities.

The first place to receive a poster

was Five Guys Burgers and Fries on South and Gridley Road.

Just before closing up, the two women asked if they could put their poster up inside the glass door of the fast food restaurant.

Five Guys employee D'Michael Jackson said that he was excited to see the first poster being put up.

Jackson added, "That right there was definitely an inspiration to us all at Five Guys.

"A lot of us don't know what Kony 2012 was about."

He said that he even considered joining the cause.

"If I could get a couple of posters, I was actually thinking of going to go get some spray-paint and hitting it up at midnight."

The next poster to be seen was at Villa's restaurant in Santa Fe Springs.

Villa's employee Sergio Hernandez wasn't even aware of what the purpose of the poster was.

He said that two attractive young women stopped by the restaurant and asked if they could put up the poster and he said yes.

"We have to support our customers," Hernandez said.

Customer Ryan Almeida said that he watched the Kony 2012 video so when he saw the poster, he knew what it was for.

After seeing the Kony poster, he said, "I think it's cool that people are out there doing stuff to make people aware of stuff that's going on around the world."

He decided that he was not going to participate in the event and felt that others were just going with the fad and didn't really care for what the cause was about.

"I think some people thought it wasn't a legitimate cause and I don't know if it is or not."

The event was supposed to end at 4 a.m. at Cerritos College.

However, since there wasn't a turnout, the event ended whenever the people who were putting up posters finished and they would depart home.

Raymundo and Almeida both said that it was probably because the day was 4/20, they said many of the people their age were out partying and simply forgot.

However on Monday, Cerritos College's Falcon Square was surrounded by Kony 2012 posters and phrases written on the cement in chalk.

The time when students posted everything up is uncertain.

At the front of the school, someone had spray-painted "KONY 2012" in white paint.

Tariq Ramadan speaks on global peace

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"People have called you slippery, they've called you double-face, jam-space, brilliant, bridge-builder and a Muslim Martin Luther," Cerritos College's History Professor John Haas said to Tariq Ramadan.

Ramadan is a professor of Contemporary Islamic Studies at Oxford University, who was the guest speaker at the Global Consortium for Sustainable Peace.

The event was held at the Teleconference Center last Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and was organized by the History Department at Cerritos College, the Global Studies Club, the Muslim Student Association and the People's

History Association.

Haas told Ramadan, "Your admiracy was the greatest performer who works assiduously to be the chasm between Muslim Orthodoxy and the receptor of democracy. You're detracted accused of anti-semitism, religious bigotry, promoting oppression of women and waking a cove of holy war on the liberal west. So who is Tariq Ramadan and what does he stand for?", Haas asked.

Ramadan first explained how his parents fled a political exile from Egypt to Switzerland where he was born.

He came to the conclusion about what he had to do to remain himself, and it was to get a better understanding of the society in which he was living and overall to remain faithful to his principles.

"The west has good principles of justice,

peace and democracy. But please don't keep these values to yourself and spread war and exploitation. I want to be vocal in the name of justice," he said.

Haas asked how to become together and closer despite all the things exposed that can affect the way you perceive things.

Ramadan said, "Love, because if there is love, there should be justice, and because there is justice, you should say I love you.

"Stand up for your values, you have to be humble and have to be courageous."

He explained the array of political and personal issues he has had, there was an open microphone for students to ask questions.

His latest book titled "Radical Reform: Islamic Ethics and Liberation" was sold, and students were able to get it signed by him.

FAFSA sets new semester limit

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Kevin Fuentes began attending Cerritos College with the intention of transferring to a four year university in two years, but his plans did not go as expected.

He has found himself needing to stay here longer than two years and has found out that his college career can possibly take him longer than six years.

With the new tuition increases, students have to deal with a new problem; Free Application for Federal Student Aid has cut backs on the years it will offer financial aid to all students nationwide.

FAFSA will begin giving students only six years of aid instead of the current limit of nine.

Not only will students at Cerritos College feel the effects, but students nationwide will feel the affects as well.

The problem students are facing with this new plan, is that some students are taking longer than the four year plan set for college students.

"I think it sucks because some people take longer to get through school than others, and maybe six years isn't enough time to complete school," Fuentes said.

With cutbacks being made to classes, some students are taking fewer classes and making it longer on themselves to get through college.

"I think it will affect students, because as it is schools are already getting a lot of budget cuts, so its taking students longer to be able to finish school on time," said Transfer Center Typist Clerk Karina Padilla.

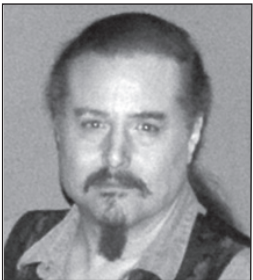
Although some students are finding it hard to cope with the news, other students think FAFSA has made the right move in cutting back on aid.

Joseph Garcia, an undecided major, said, "That seems pretty good, four years is how long it takes someone to graduate.

"If you want to go for more years that is extra schooling so I guess you should pay for that."

Arrest: Non-student theater performer arrested on campus for having illegal items

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Steve Miller

Police arrived, searched Miller, and found a fixed blade knife in a sheath attached to the belt in the middle of his back.

Miller was searched and arrested. Police did not find any more weapons on his person.

Miller explained to the police officers the reason why he was carrying weapons, "For protection, I've been mugged before and shot at."

According to the police report, Miller had multiple handguns registered to him in various calibers.

Miller has been booked for possession of "dirk/dagger" on school grounds, possession of firearm on school grounds, and possession of ammunition.

Cerritos College Campus Police has released a safety alert issuing a warning for all members of the Cerritos College Community to be on the lookout for Miller.

Director of "Romeo and Juliet" John Zamora declined to give further detail about the situation.

"I have nothing to say about it." Etta Walton has not responded for comment.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Stephen Johnson feels that students should take the safety alert seriously.

"We do take campus safety important, we won't tolerate guns on campus," he said.

Students spoke about their concerns after hearing about the incident.

Accounting Major Elizabeth Mwansa would not feel comfortable coming to school knowing that students could carry loaded guns on campus.

"I don't think that it's safe at all. It should be kept at home.

"Even if they have a permit, gun owners should keep them at home and definitely not bring them to school," Mwansa said.

Jasmyne Clark, dance major stated, "It could go off on accident."

Not everyone feels negatively about the idea of students carrying weapons on campus, including loaded guns.

"I believe if you have a concealed weapons permit you should be allowed to have it. You shouldn't depend on other people to protect you. You have to protect yourself," English major Hsiao Hsu said.

Hsu also said, "I would rather defend myself with a weapon than without one."

Johnson encourages students to sign up for the text alert services for future dangerous incidents.

Students can sign up at www.cerritoscollege.us.



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•EDITORIAL•



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Accountability is for every-

As students of Cerritos College, we have a voice and it needs to be heard.

Our student government has approved a vote of no confidence against its director Holly Bogdanovich, due to claims of a lack of transparency and communication.

Of course, the only people who know whether or not these claims are true are Bogdanovich and the people making the claims. However, if this is truly the case, it is time for a change.

As students, we may not always have the correct sense of direction when it comes to our decision-making. This situation does not only affect the Associated Students of Cer-

ritos College, but the entire student body as well.

Major figures in our student government, including ASCC President Jasmin Ramirez, make the claim that they were not given any transparency by their director as far as what can or cannot be done for the student body.

That being the case, doesn't that mean that we aren't receiving all the support we possibly can?

We are supposed to trust our student government and believe that its leaders are being taught and trained to do everything in their power to help their constituents, in this case the students of Cerritos College.

Our student leaders cannot do their job if they are not trained prop-

erly on how to do it, and that begins at the very top.

However, there is no need to grab torches and pitchforks and gather outside the Student Activities Office just yet.

It is not just the director of Student Activities that needs to be held accountable.

Our administration needs to be held just as accountable for various reasons: first, for not keeping a closer eye on what is going on within student government and secondly, for not holding the director accountable for whatever it is she is being accused of doing, or in this case, not doing.

Perhaps if administration had stepped in earlier, there wouldn't

be such a conflict between student leaders and the director. Maybe it could have been resolved in a more professional manner, as previously suggested by Student Trustee Areal Hughes.

Granted, Bogdanovich took a five-month medical leave due to injury, and it is in no one's place to cast judgment on her for doing so. But if students have a claim, there needs to be some entity to listen and assist them.

Without some sort of guidance, whether it be in student government or in life, we are all just a bunch of chickens running around with our heads cut off.

Mobile registration sites are long overdue

The creation of a mobile registration site here at Cerritos College for the sake of convenient signing-up for classes in the coming semesters with your iPhone, iPad or any other smart phones and tablet devices is a natural progression in a technological world.

Full-time and part-time students would be given the opportunity to carry out their quality-of-life obligations such as their family duties or work responsibilities and still have time to register for the classes that are taken to increase their standard of living.

The term 'First come, first served' has been a fair way of doing business throughout centuries. Although the benefits of a mobile registration site would fall solely on those who could afford such app enabled devices, the need to attend to the needs of an ever-changing and advancing student body will

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not and cannot be denied.

Class registration has been a survival-of-the-fittest event with the odds of successfully getting all necessary classes in favor of those who had access to the college at the right time, or a home computer.

The creation of a mobile registration site would level the playing field across the board.

Connecticut College, a liberal arts school on the east coast, not only offers its students a mobile registration site, but game console registration as well.

This is a marriage made in nerd heaven. Students

can register for classes while taking a gamer's break from their Playstation 3, Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii.

All students would have to register their devices by providing the Mac address, which is an identification number on their devices to access either mobile or game console registration. Students who have devices that are aren't Mac will still be able to use mobile registration because even non Mac devices have one.

With the computer era staking its claim on our every day lives, the creation of a mobile registration site here at Cerritos College would serve the student body two-fold; uninterrupted fulfillment of daily obligations while registering for classes and effectively compelling said students to keep up with the technological times.



“Are you prepared to transfer into a four year university?”

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PAOLA GUERRERO
Biology major

“Yes, I'm taking classes toward my major and I talked to my counselor and I checked the transfer center for any events.”

MARTIN TALAVERA
Law major



“The military is helping. The Student Veteran Center is giving me the resources I need to transfer.”



FAUSTO HERNANDEZ
Engineering major

“Yes. My mom is a teacher at USC so she pretty much told me what to do.”

COREY GREEN
Undecided major



“Not yet because I'm new, but in a couple years I'll be ready.”



SYEDA IFTEKHAR
Criminal Justice major

“I have everything ready. All my transcripts and all my units are almost done and I talked to the EOPS counselor.”

“The term ‘First come, first served’ has been a fair way of doing business throughout centuries.”

Guys should have more respect for student dancers

There is nothing creepier than seeing a bunch of guys crowding up to look at a bunch of women dance, and no, not at a strip club.

This is happening here on our campus outside of the dance studio in the Fine Arts Building.

Guys are stopping by the dance studio and taking a peek into the classes going on, not to learn new dance moves, but to

check out women in little shorts or in tights.

Every now and then it is alright to look at members of the opposite sex, it is in our nature to be attracted to one another, but to stop and stare for more than five seconds seems like a bit too much.

Guys should have a system by now of how they should

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check women out without looking like a dog drooling on the outside of a butcher shop.

These few guys make all guys look bad. Not only that, they also make women think

that all men are creepy and care about nothing more than appearances.

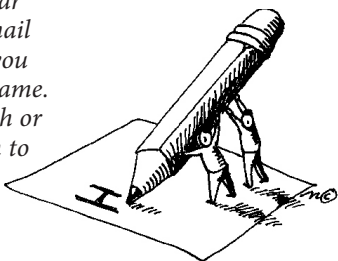
If students feel they need to see these women and check them out, why not check out one of their dance performances that way both sides can be happy in a way.

Women should feel be able to feel comfortable in whatever they dress in.

Discouraging guys from looking at the opposite sex is far from the answer, although keeping it in line would help the cause.

Maybe if some guys stop looking like creepy perverts, they can possibly get dates in the near future.

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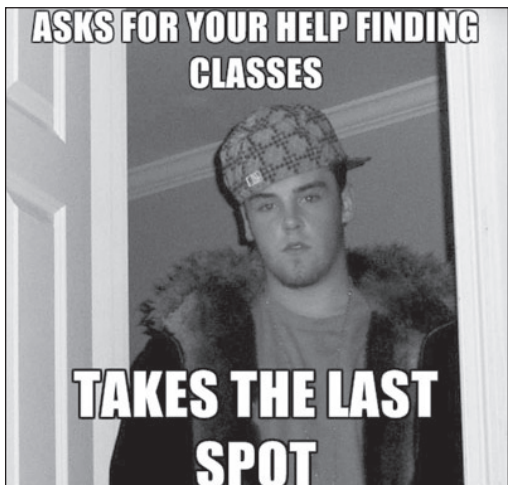


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Students win awards in SAE on Monday

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During the Student Art Exhibition, which took place at the Cerritos College Art Gallery on Monday, art students had the opportunity to have their work displayed, and some students won awards..

The opening exhibition and awards ceremony was from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The gallery showcases artwork created by students and features pieces developed by using a number of different mediums including ceramics, photography and paintings.

Guest a chance to get an up-close look at all the artwork that was selected for display.

The crowd was a mixture of contributing artist, their family members, friends, school faculty and many students.

Business Administration major Dehlia Venzor took time after school to visit the gallery and was fixed on a piece, titled, "Martyring by the Masses."

"The piece is very raw-looking and the colors evoke a sense of frustration but its also passionate with the blue colors," Venzor said.

Artwork lined the walls and ceramics were displayed on pillars throughout the main gallery while another room featured a mixed media piece that incorporated video projection.

Guests were escorted to the courtyard, just outside the gallery where the awards presentation took place, with art Professor James MacDevitt hosting the event.

There were five categories in which artwork was judged by guest juror Devon Tsuno, a Los Angeles born artist, curator and educator whose own work is on display in Japan as well as in the states.

Full-time art instructors selected art works from 12 artists while part time instructors selected four pieces to enter into the judging categories.

Art instructor Hagop Najarian, art and design department chair, explained why it is important for students to be acknowledged for their work.

"The awards are actually very secondary. I think for most of the students the recognition and acknowledgment from their peers and family members is the biggest compliment," Najarian said.

Each category had first, second and third place awards as well as honorable mentions.

Top winners received cash prizes with their awards.

Art major Ed Zimmerman won an honorable mention for a ceramic dish he created and a \$165 cash prize, which he says will go toward purchasing more art materials and supplies.

Zimmerman worked with ceramics for sixteen years and explains some of the other benefits of being acknowledged for his artwork.

"I think that I'm on the right track and this just re-enforces that when other people see and appreciate what I have been able to come up with," Zimmerman said.

Gallery hours and other information can be found at www.ceritosgallery.com.



MARTIN CALDERON/TM
Explaining art work: Art major Ed Zimmerman (left) explains to ceramics and three-dimensional design instructor, Steve Portugal (middle) and guest judge Devon Tsuno (right) how he adds details to his untitled ceramic art work at the Student Art Exhibition. Zimmerman received an honorable mention with a \$165 cash prize.

Cosmetology Department soon to cut hair for free by donations for cancer patients

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While watching one of her favorite television shows, political science major Nallely Bodillo was inspired to donate her hair to cancer patients that have lost theirs due to chemotherapy.

With each donation, the hair stylists will give each person a free haircut.

Bodillo created a hair donation event that will take place in the Falcon Square and the Cosmetology Department salon on April 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The minimum length to donate is eight inches and will be donated to the "Pantene Beautiful Lengths" program that supports the American Breast Cancer Association.

She said, "I'll cut my hair and I'll help someone out."

As she was waiting for her hair to grow a little bit longer to donate, she decided that she wanted to create a school-wide event.

In order to get the ball rolling, Bodillo said, "We called a bunch of people to come by and donate their hair [and] we got a lot of salons to send in their people."

Cosmetology Department Chair and instructor Pat Novinski said she was happy to be a part of the event, being a breast cancer survivor herself.

"I think it's a great community service and it's a good thing that we're doing to help promote breast cancer awareness."

She did an event three years in a row for the program "Locks of Love" for the city of Norwalk with about 15 of her cosmetology students.

They had gone to cut hair to donate for the same cause.

Cosmetology major Stephanie Velasco said, "I think that being a

part of it is good because you know that you're doing something for someone that is in need."

She has seen people show up to get their hair cut and has cut someone's hair for donating.


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Swim breaks the freestyle record

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Pasadena City College and El Camino College collectively played host to the annual South Coast Conference meet for swimmers and divers where the Cerritos College swim team won in its own respective categories.

Men's swimming Head Coach Joe Abing talked about the months leading to the meet.

"In swimming, you are always trying to achieve your best performance and fastest times at the end of the year. And so, this was our Conference Championship meet, so it was a culmination of all of our hard work through the season, leading up to this last meet."

The women's swim team, placed third in the championship with 485 points, 191 points shy of a State Championship over Chaffey college.

Early into the competition, the women's team held a two-point lead over Mt. San Antonio College, that eventually subsided and landed Mt. SAC in second place.

The women's team still placed in the State Championships for three-meter dive board, breaking a Cerritos College 500-meter freestyle record.

Kim said, "Our goal as a team was to improve individually as far as our times that we performed through the season."

"At the end of the season, which was past this weekend for the majority of the team, I felt that almost all of the girls improved in their personal best times which

was a great feeling for me as a coach and for them as swimmers."

Two relays finished in first place in a 200 medley relay and a 200 freestyle relay.

Freshman Katherine Gabay-eron finished in first place in the 500 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 200 individual medley and broke the school record in the 500 Freestyle and the 200 individual medley.

Yuridia Vela finished first in the 100 backstroke and qualified for state in the three meter diving board.

As for the men's team, freestyle swimmer Derick Klotzer earned third place in the 200-yard backstroke at Pasadena City College, following a second place victory in the 400-yard individual medley the day prior.

El Camino College had returning divers Luis Hasbun and Gerson Ortega who competed alongside female diver Yuridia Vela against over 61 different divers from all over the state.

Each diver succeeded in gaining 40 points, reflected in the overall score of the Cerritos College swim teams.

Having achieved three first place finishes in her individual events at the conference championships, Katherine Gabay-eron earned both the Conference Swimmer of the Year title and qualified for the State Championship.

The Championship will be taking place Thursday through Saturday at East Los Angeles College.

Junior College should pay for athletes' school



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keep a job because of the practice and game schedules.

Life isn't easy for any student but others are allowed to get help.

Community college athletes should be able to receive scholarships.

Athletes at universities are given scholarships to play for a school so there is no reason why the lower level schools shouldn't.

If a student is coming from out of state just to play a sport, they need money for a place to live, higher tuition and possibly to buy equipment for that sport.

Even if the athlete isn't from out of state, during the season it is extremely hard for athletes to

There are all type of scholarships for students who excel in specialized areas such as theater or journalism.

Why can't athletes get money one for excelling in their sport?

Just like with any scholarship, there needs to be criteria.

No matter how good they are they are, students should still have to keep their grades as a requirement as well.

These students help to represent our school, we should have the best representatives possible.



JUAN LOPEZ/TM

Swinging out the competition: Andrew Turner leaps for the ball toward his opponent. He currently has an 8-10 singles record and a 4-3 doubles record for the season.

Tennis advances in SCC Tourney

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A pair of men's players and four women's players from the men's and women's tennis teams advanced in their categories as Cerritos College hosted the South Coast Conference Tournament on Thursday and Friday.

Despite not having qualified any players in the singles matches, the women's tennis team was able to qualify a pair in its doubles matches on Friday.

The duos representing the Falcons in the next round will be Mandi Jenkins with Dominique Luna, and Kimberly Diaz with Hui You Sohn.

Men's and women's tennis Head Coach Alvin Kim spoke about the tournament.

"Tournaments are always hard, and the heat was a little surprising.

"Some of our players were caught off guard by it," he said.

The team will also be preparing for this weekend's tournament, which will be held in Ojai Thursday through Sunday.

Kim added, "We worked really hard, we work pretty much almost year round.

"We just need to keep on working and stay-

ing mentally motivated, and I think we'll do OK."

Two members of the men's tennis team advanced in the South Coast Conference as a result of the matches that took place on Friday.

During the singles matches Todd Jenkins played against Tomo Takatsu of El Camino College with a final score of 6-2, 6-2.

Chris Nguy was ranked second in conference and advanced through the tournament on bye games, not facing any opponents.

Jenkins said that, to prepare for the tournament, he really focuses on specifics and the coach tells the team to go out there on the court and work on what they really need to work on.

He also said that his strong suit during the match against Takatsu was his serve.

"My serve was the strongest, I didn't miss many. They went in there consistent and they were well placed."

Jenkins and Nguy will both be moving on to compete in the Southern California Regional Tournament in San Diego.

Jenkins said he isn't nervous about going into the tournament at San Diego.

"I'm actually anxious to see what the competition is like."

Kim said that the conference had a lot of good players.

Only three other schools were involved in the tournament.

Kim said that Jenkins worked his way through the tournament well and the other guys found themselves in tough matches and even though they didn't make it through the qualifying rounds, they still played well.

"Well we worked hard all season, we don't need to work any harder, we just need to stay mentally motivated and everything we worked on so far should pay off," Kim said.

The regional tournament takes place on May 3-5.

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Preparing for the throw: Carissa English prepares for momentum for her goal of 45 meters for the hammer throw event. Her personal record is 42 meters.

Track and field surpasses expectations

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Setting a new record in the 200-meter, recording 23.84 over her previous record of 23.91, Ariana Wright represented Cerritos College track and field as it hosted the Beach Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

The tournament started Friday with the men's and women's hammer throw.

Both the preliminaries and the finals for this event were held the same day.

Destini Poplar, who had previously achieved second in both the hammer throw with 39.35 meters and shot put with 11.48 meters, said, "So far the best I've had is 41.98 meters [137 feet] for hammer."

Her teammate, Carissa English said, "To-

day I am doing pretty good. My personal record is 42 meters, but I feel like I can hit 45 and that's my goal."

In the 200-meter, Wright won her heat, but was defeated by Shanequa Williams of Kent State University, who finished first at 23.74 and Team England reaching second at 23.76.

According to USA Track and Field Official veteran Rodger Dubbs, considering the size and the number of cross country and other teams competing in the event, Cerritos College athletes' performances had been impressive.

"Last year in this meet there were about three thousand athletes and we expect twice as much this year.

"Cerritos College would probably perform better than expected, because it has bet-

ter athletes and, instead of junior colleges, it has universities and people from out of state that come here, so it seizes competition which makes them better."

The event also drew international participants.

Gemma Bennett who finished second for Team England at the 700 meter hurdles said, "This is a voluntary participation at their [the runners'] own expense, as they were preparing for the Olympics."

The Cerritos College track and field teams will be participating in the South Coast Conference Championships on Friday at noon at Compton College.



Making a home run: The illustration above shows all of the games the Cerritos College softball team has left in the season. Cerritos plays one more regular game against El Camino on Wednesday before the playoffs begin.

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Softball tries for a home run to State Championships

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In a season that has seen the Cerritos College softball team suffer only eight losses, the top ranked Falcons are poised to make a deep run into the playoffs this year, possibly ending with a state championship.

Sophomore shortstop Briana Quintana feels that a championship is something that the team is pushing toward.

"I expect us to work hard and get to state [championships] at the very end. I wouldn't say I would be disappointed if we don't go all the way, but I know that we can do it.

With a 28-8 overall record, and 19-2 in South Coast Conference play, the Falcons have clinched at least a share of the conference title.

Freshman catcher Julia Mendoza feels that a consistent approach to the season has assisted in its success.

"We've just been doing what we have been doing all year, and we're just going with the flow," Mendoza said.

Winning its first two games of the season, the Falcons started strong with victories against Fullerton College and Bakersfield College before suffering its first loss of the season against Saddleback College.

Following a no contest matchup against Antelope Valley College, the Falcons went on a ten game winning streak that included a 26-2 victory against El Camino College Compton Center, as well as a 13-12 victory over AVC, making up for the previous match up where the two teams failed to complete the game.

After a 15-11 loss to rival Mt. San Antonio College that ended in a walk off grand slam home run for the Mounties, the Falcons strung together another winning streak, winning their next 11 consecutive games.

Sophomore outfielder/pinch runner, Sacheen Contreras is proud of how the team has preformed.

"I think that we're finishing conference [play] really strong, and I think that we are going to start playoffs like it's a new season," Contreras said.

A loss against Cypress College on Saturday handed the Falcons their most recent loss of the season.

The team now has a 1-2 record against Cypress this season.

With the playoffs approaching, the Falcons are ranked No. 3 in Southern California and preparing to enter post season play where the top eight seeded teams will host a best-of-three game series.

The first round of the playoffs will be on May 5 and 6.

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