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Cutting class repeatability short

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Cerritos College will soon have to adhere to requirements set by the state legislature in reducing class repeatability.

According to Rich Cameron, chair for the Cerritos College Curriculum Committee, the state legislature will be looking to remove repeatability from classes such as physical education, fine arts and career technical education.

Cameron specifies that the state legislature will be rewriting Title 5, which is used to implement goals set by the California Education Code.

However, he also states that there are certain classes that can justify their repeatability.

"The reason that we have the

repeatability in the first place is because there are some classes where having a repeated experience builds skill; you learn enough to pass the class, but you want to master the subject," he said.

"In the past, we've been able to designate certain classes as repeatable for those purposes if there's skill-building involved or if the content changes enough from semester to semester."

According to Cameron, Cerritos College currently has "hundreds of classes that have been designated as repeatable" and will work to re-write curricula in order to meet state standards.

He also states that Cerritos College could possibly see changes in class repeatability as early as the Fall 2013 semester.

Faculty Senate President Debra Moore elaborates on what classes

could continue to be allowed repeatability, citing athletics, music performance and speech and debate as possible exceptions to the changes.

"You're going to play for more than one season, or some transfer colleges require people to play in an ensemble multiple times," Moore said.

Moore sees class repeatability at Cerritos as more of a help than a hindrance.

"It's helped students because it's allowed students to build up their skills. Some classes may have to figure out how to level their classes, but I don't think that's holding anyone back."

Cameron sees the upcoming changes as an opportunity to weed out courses that may have repeatability, but may not have students taking advantage of it.

"This is a good time to take a look at it. Maybe we have some classes that don't really need to be repeatable, maybe they were designated as repeatable, but not many students repeat."

Modifications to class curricula in terms of repeatability could include creating separate-level courses, teaching a different skill in every level, or merging classes together if the curricula can be taught in one class.

Dean of Academic Success and Institutional Effectiveness Bryan Reece claims that there are currently mixed beliefs in regard to the academic impact these changes could have on Cerritos.

Reece said, "Some people think that, for skill-building classes, you need to repeat as much as possible, and if you lower repeatability, it's

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Frantone's Pizza at risk of losing campus locations

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Subway restaurant might be the replacement for Frantone's Pizza and Spaghetti Villa. Associated Students of Cerritos College Vice President Julian Del Real-Calleros explained how Cerritos College's students need cost-friendly and nutritious meals being sold on campus.

ASCC will find out if Subway will be here on campus during the summer.

Subway has been contacted, and there is a 50/50 chance that Subway will come to Cerritos.

There is a demand for Subway on campus, "Throughout my time here at Cerritos College, since I started here in the ASCC, Cerritos College has always received requests from students. They would like to see a Subway here on campus," Del Real Calleros said.

Frantone's contract is done annually, but sometimes contracts are for five years.

"I don't know exactly when its [Frantone's] lease ends, but I do know it's coming to an end," he said.

According to Del Real Calleros Cerritos College does not want to end business with Frantone's, but the college would like to see the company change its menu to healthier choices and lower prices.

"USC has Carl's Jr., and all vendors there, if you have a student I.D. you don't pay tax, plus you get a student discount," he said.

Vice President of Business Services David El Fattal has to approve it, but he was not very compromised, Del Real Calleros said.

Ana Baltazar, nursing major, gave her opinion about Subway being introduced here

on campus, "It's good in a way, but then again, it [Frantone's] has been there for years, from what I remember coming when I was in high school, which is good, because Subway is good.

"I think Cerritos should change another restaurant, not Frantone's."

Monisha Smith, also a nursing major said, "I'm all for Subway, because it's healthier and it's better for you. And I think people will like Subway better than Frantone's."

If Frantone's is willing to make the changes asked by the district, Cerritos College would allow it to stay in two locations.

The location in the Student Center will be a Subway, and according to Del Real-Calleros the location in the Social Science Building will also be a great location to place another Subway.

However, if Frantone's declines to compromise with the student body, "We urge for the Cerritos Community College District to suspend any further negotiations with Frantone's until it is able to accommodate the students," he said.

The student body would like both businesses to be contributors to Cerritos College, Del Real Calleros said, "Right now we are having a problem, where it [Frantone's] is not being student-friendly and that's what we need here in campus."

Each Subway location is independently owned, therefore all the revenues will go to Cerritos College, but Cerritos will have to pay the corporate office for using its logo.

Makinano, Lopez inaugurated at final senate meeting

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President-elect Lance Makinano and Vice President-elect Aldo Lopez were sworn into their respective positions during the final Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate meeting on May 2.

"I just hope the people believe in me as much as we did for her [President Jasmin Ramirez]," Makinano said.

Ramirez congratulated Makinano with a hug after the inauguration.

Vice president-elect Lopez was also congratulated but by vice president Julian Del Real-Calleros.

"I think they're going to do a fantastic job," Del Real-Calleros said about Makinano and Lopez.

He also spoke about his favorite moment as vice president, "I enjoyed everything and I have no fa-

vorites."

The ASCC budget was also discussed during the final meeting and was approved by the senate with 28 ayes, zero nays and two abstentions.

The senate also approved the joint recommendation that may take action on terminating the Frantone's contract and possibly replacing it with Subway.

Del Real-Calleros commented on the final meeting, "Looking back [in the semester] we were able to push things we really wanted to do."

He also mentioned that will not take part in any student government in Cerritos College, but he will continue being a student advocate.

His next school will be UC Davis, and he hopes to be part of student government there.

Senator Felix Kim felt that the semester was a great experience, "It's been like a roller coaster."

"Especially because in the beginning, we didn't get much work

done, we didn't know what to expect towards the end."

Senator Kim explained that he didn't expect much from the senate when the year began, "After the winter season, just like after the roller coaster buildup, we started going faster and faster and we got work done."

According to Kim, this was the best group of senators he was a part of in his two years in the senate.

Kim shared his thoughts about the new president and vice president-elect, "I like them, I know them personally and I expect a lot from them."

Ramirez handed out certificates as tokens for her appreciation to all senators.

Makinano and Lopez are set to officially take office on May 21 at noon.



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Swearing in:(Left to right): ASCC Chief Justice Yesenia Carbajal and current ASCC President Jasmin Ramirez swear in President-elect Lance Makinano during the ASCC Senate's final meeting for the semester on May 2. Makinano and Lopez were both inaugurated during the meeting and will officially take office on May 21.

Administrators answer school budget questions

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Associated Students of Cerritos College president Jasmin Ramirez set up a meeting with Cerritos College Linda Lacy and Vice President of Business Services David El Fattal on May 2 to get an overall better understanding of the financial budget and how it may affect students.

There was a low turnout of students at the meeting whereas the Ramirez and ASCC President-elect Lance Makinano.

In 2011 the state cut back \$8.6 million from the budget and gave this information to the college unexpectedly in February when the school was already done distributing the budget amongst programs, classes and payroll.

“It came out of the blue and it really impacts everybody in a negative way,” El Fattal said.

Lacy explained that one of the rising concerns for students are the increased student fees at Cerritos. Many people do not understand that the college does not benefit from the student fees. Those fees go to the state, not the college. “I think that the fees will go up again and continue to go up,” Lacy said.

The college gets paid based on the number of full time equivalent students, which means 15 units a semester. The majority of students at Cerritos are part time, which means that students are combined until they equal 15 units and that is

how the state funds the college. Besides the cutbacks the college also has to find ways to compensate with the \$21 million owed to it in deferrals from the state. Deferrals forced the college to borrow money and take out loans from itself.

The money that the state is withholding does not allow the college to make interest off the money that is owed to it which could go toward more classes.

The college is paying out of its savings for summer and that will cost around \$2.5 million. Summer classes may not be an option in the future if the budget keeps getting cut because the college simply cannot afford it.

“If you cut out from fall and spring it may take students five years to get out of here,” Lacy said.

The college has done everything it can concerning the budget but if things become worse then it may have to start laying off teachers and staff.

“What this college has never wanted to do is lay people off. But now we are getting to the point where we may need to do that,” Lacy said.

The only thing the college can do and what it has been doing to improve the budget cuts is lobby in Sacramento.

We have been lobbying in Sacramento. Student government can really do a lot if it continues lobbying,” Lacy said.

The next campus budget forum will take place on May 22 at the Teleconference Center.

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Kendo at Falcon Square: Psychology major German Sanchez teaching Kendo, the Japanese martial-art of sword fighting, to animation major Jonathan Vanderlinden at Falcon Square for International Student Association's Global Village. Sanchez uses his own gear to give a mini-lesson at the Global Village for students who are interested.

Countries represented at Falcon Square

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The International Student Association held its first Global Village event on May 1 with support of other clubs to promote diversity of cultures such as Japanese, Mexican and Peruvian represented at Cerritos College.

ISA changed directions in how its promotion is done. It held a spring festival, that took place in the Student Center, this event was held on the weekend when not many students were available.

With the lack of students at this festival, the idea of Global Village came to the ISA club.

“We moved it [Global Village] to Falcon Square to promote more student involvement that way other people get to know other cultures and ethnicities that are actually here on campus,” Vice President of ISA Evan Thierry said.

Anime, iFalcon, Math, Model United Nations and Kabarkada Club participated in the Global Village event.

Abner Caguioa president of ISA said that he wanted to showcase the international students present at Cerritos College.

He wanted to invite businesses and more clubs to help with Global Village and also have more cultural information booths.

President of iFalcon, Bertha Calderon, explained the role that it had with Global Village.

“Ace [Caguioa] first approached me with this, he’s very into iFalcon and he sees education as something that should be global and student success should always be global.”

Calderon, along with other members of iFalcon passed out flyers and pamphlets to students to help with higher education and success.

Booths were set up each to represent a differ-

ent part of the world, such as Africa, Asia, Europe and Mexico.

The regions that were not represented were North America, Australia and Central America.

Some booths had food that represented their part of the world as well as a poster board with information and pictures that display the history and culture of the different places in their country.

The Anime Club helped run the Mainland Asia booth, were it had a demonstration of a Japanese version of fencing.

Other booths had flags that represented their country, and others had small dolls or snow globes that showed a specific tradition or place of the country.

Thierry said he hopes that students who visited Global Village get a sense of the diverse cultures here at Cerritos College.

Repeatability: Classes soon to have their repeatability cut

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going to have a negative impact on students. Some people believe that we’ve gotten so sloppy with repeatability that there’s no sense of urgency to get the skills.”

Reece agrees with the belief that there is no urgency to obtain skills through repeatability.

“If you say that you can take a class twice, then I think students will be more serious about getting what they need out of it two times,” he said.

Students like psychology major Daniel Popolizzio use class repeat-

ability for academic reasons as opposed to build certain skills. Popolizzio has repeated Introduction to Psychology in order to improve a previous grade in the class.

He mentions that he would feel limited if the number of repeated classes were to be reduced and would consider other alternatives to finish his coursework.

“I’m pretty sure I would look to another school to finish a class just to finish here. I don’t want to take other classes somewhere else and have to deal with that,” he said.

Reece suggests that with the

possibility of class repeatability being reduced, it is now time for students to get serious about their education.

“Planning is really critical. Students have to get away from saying, ‘I’m going to try this and see how it goes,’ that’s a strategy that they shouldn’t take anymore.

“Students need to be serious about understanding that these classes are hard to get and are rare. You’ve got to be focused on what you’re doing because our resources are declining.”

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•EDITORIAL•

Why are we kept in the dark?

Without a free and informed press, the student body here at Cerritos College would have never known there was a heavily armed man named Steve Miller on campus that had to be removed after threatening theater faculty and possessing the weaponry to back it up.

On April 17, a report filed by the Los Angeles Sheriffs Department of an incident that took place, April 16. The report tells of a disgruntled cast member Miller grabbing somebody, identified in the police report as Victim 1 in the Theater Department then threatening the Theater Department Manager Etta Walton by saying "Etta is a {expletive} and I would cut her" and added; "I did it before."

The same report has somebody identifiable only as Respondent 2 telling deputies that Miller has brought a sharpened dagger type knife and a pump action shotgun he wanted to use as props. Respondent 2 couldn't tell if they were real or fake.

Bringing daggers and shot guns to campus? Why were Campus Police not informed the first time Miller showed up with gun "props"?

The second police report tells of Miller showing up for school the next day with weapons in his possession;

- One 4 1/2-inch fixed blade Dirk Dagger
- One Walther .380 hand gun loaded with a 6 round magazine



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- One magazine for Walter .380 loaded with 7 rounds
- One magazine for 9mm hand gun with 10 rounds
- One hand gun holster for Walter .380
- One starter pistol with double feed (jammed) round along with magazine of 6 rounds of blanks.
- One 3 1/2" folding SOG knife

Miller was immediately arrested, and so was anybody's ability to comment. The Director of the play, John Zamora, was interviewed by News Editor Enrique Rivera who asked about what had taken place on April 16 and 17. "I have nothing to say about it" was his repeated response.

The Safety Alert issued by Cerritos College Police Department was sent out by email and posted on fliers telling of a nameless person found on campus with an illegal firearm. The statement also states that the individual "has not made any threats against the campus community." This is especially disturbing since the official police reports state clearly that Miller did make a threat toward Walton and was in possession of one firearm but no mention of the two knives and the 14 live rounds ready to be fired and reloaded.

Nothing to say? Not going to talk about it? Is Miller not a threat to us all? Why the silence?

The Theater Department needs to realize this incident is no longer just about its department, its play or comfort level. This is about the safety of each and every student and faculty member that walks the same grounds every day. Information crucial to safety decision making by students shouldn't be stunted by a department that thinks we should mind our own business. Let this be clear; News is our business. Getting information to the rest of the student body that directly affects its health and safety is our business, too.

Without information and cooperation by all departments, including our Campus Police, risks personal safety and preventable tragedy if not done in a timely manner. Our very lives depend on it.

As the Spring 2012 semester comes to an end, the memories of the semester play out in my mind like a movie.

At the beginning of the semester when "Life of the Returning Student" started, my main goal was to be an outlet for the many students on campus that fall into that "returning student" category, but felt like they had no voice.

The interesting thing is that somewhere along the line, the column has taken on a life of its own.

During last weeks production of the Talon Marks paper, a misunderstanding caused the "returning student" column to not be printed in the paper.

It was pretty frustrating for me because I took a huge risk in that column and told the Talon Marks readers about a serious physical ailment that I have.

I talked about having Lupus, which is an autoimmune deficiency disease which drastically affects my day-to-day life.

My concern with the column not being ran was that people would not know such an important thing about me, and my motivation for confessing it



Life of a Returning Student

in the first place was so that people would know that even with a physical disability, they can still succeed.

I knew that a few people read my column, but I had no idea if the column had truly impacted anyone until last weeks column failed to print in last weeks paper.

People stopped me and asked me about why it was not in the paper. People sincerely seemed to be interested. Even some of my colleagues on the paper commented on how they read the column and wondered why it was not in the paper.

The feeling was overwhelming. That was exactly why I started the column in the first place. Each and every column, I make a point to say the words that I live my life by; "If you don't do anything to impact change, you have no right to complain."

It seemed to be that I was in fact impacting change. People not only care about what I have to say, but are affected when I don't say it.

An older returning student gave me the nicest compliment about my column when she said, 'I like reading your column because you understand how hard it is to come back to school and fit in with an entire campus of classmates that are way younger than you, and with curriculum that at times seems to be geared to younger students.'

It's not always easy to understand computers, tablets, and lesson plans that seem to be in full swing before I can write my name, but being able to be a voice for other students that may feel similar is a huge blessing.

Thank you for allowing me to be that voice. I am sincerely humbled. Regardless of our status on campus, disabled student, first time student, athlete, returning student, or something else, we are all Cerritos College Falcons. This is our campus, and we need to all show pride in it and in one another. Let's all have Falcon pride.

"It seemed to be that I was in fact impacting change. People not only care about what I have to say, but are affected when I don't say it."

Expect an education from school, not a paycheck

Culinary Arts students should not get paid because its unfair to the other students at Cerritos College

Granted, the students of the Culinary Arts Department do spend time cooking and serving food to other students in the cafeteria, however they are not our primary source of food, that would be the only understandable reason to pay them.

Cerritos College should only be paying, for Taco Bell, Chicago Harvs, Frantone's and other food services on school.

Even though the students in Culinary Arts cook food that is given to other students, they are still learning and are still just students.

The actors of the Theater department do not get paid for



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their performances that are presented to students of Cerritos College and the hair stylists of the Cosmetology Department do not get paid for giving haircuts to students, they only ask

idea and have a tip jar.

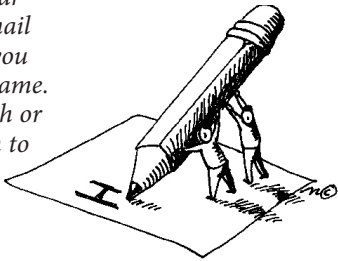
The purpose of being in college is to learn about a subject or learn a specific skill, and prepare yourself to go into the

work force.

When the transition of school to work happens is when a student can get paid for his or her work.

There shouldn't even be talk about money being placed into Cerritos College students in a way that is not beneficial to all of us.

Did one of us write something that ground your gears? Do you want to congratulate us on the great job we're doing? Whatever the case may be, we would love to hear from you, our readers. Send a **LETTER to the EDITOR**. We accept electronic mail at editor@talonmarks.com and boring regular mail at our office in FA-42. If you want your letter or e-mail to be printed, you must proudly sign it with your real name. Letters in poor taste will not be printed. This means we don't want any hate speech or conspiracy theories (unless they're hilarious). We only edit your letters for length to print them, but they appear in full online. If the subject of your letter is campus-related, then it will be given priority.



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"What restaurant would you like to see replace Frantone's?"

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RACHEL DALEY
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"I like Subway, Frantone's is nasty."

YENNY CASTRO
Undecided major

"Panda Express because I like chinese food and Frantone's is nasty."



CYNTHIA GARCIA
Dance major

"Subway because its fresh, it's good, it's healthy, it's not greasy and nasty."



JOANNA MARTINEZ
Cosmetology major

"Subway is better, and healthier."



ASHLEY SINKLER
Sociology major

"Quizno's, because I like cold sandwiches. Frantone's pizza is dry."



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Students receive free haircuts by donating hair on campus

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The Cosmetology Department hosted an event titled, Donate Your Hair at Cerritos College on April 30 and collected 89 pony tails to be donated to Pantene Beautiful Lengths.

Haircuts were free with the only cost being at least eight inches of hair to donate to make wigs for chemotherapy patients.

Political science major and coordinator of the event, Nallely Badillo, explained

“The purpose of this event is to create awareness to the Cerritos College campus and also to help out the people who are undergoing cancer treatment who can’t afford wigs,” Badillo said.

Mt. San Antonio College English major Gabrielle Martinez explains why she came to Cerritos College to donate her hair.

“I am fortunate enough to be blessed with good health and so many of my sisters all around the world are struggling to survive,” Martinez said.



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Classic love against rivalry: Juliet (Left, Bianca Meiloaica) and Romeo (Right, Erik Mann) take a serious plunge with Friar Lawrence (Middle, Prasad Adusumalli) in modern day ‘Romeo and Juliet.’ Mann and Meiloaica had good chemistry on stage.

Modernized ‘Romeo and Juliet’ a humoristic play for audiences

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Play Review

Romeo and Juliet

Starring: Erik Mann

Director: John Zamora

Rating: ★ ★ ★

Director John Zamora’s adaptation of William Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet” opened at the Cerritos College Burnight Center Theater on April 29, was awesome. It was a refreshing display of a

classic story, modernized by using gangster attire, dark clothes and tattoos, along with today’s music such as ska, metal, hip-hop, and more.

The two-and-a-half hour long play was filled with drama, knife fights and crotch grabbing. All this was tied in with dialogue by Shakespeare mixed with modern language.

There was a lot of provocative dialog, which was a good thing, because it made the plot more comedic and captured the interest of younger people.

It was very interesting to see the actors and actresses manage to keep the language of Shakespeare alive while staying in their modern

realm. This made the classic story fun again.

The flow of the play kept you in your seat and the supporting cast was amazing.

Emmanuel Plascencia, who played Mercutio, did a phenomenal job entertaining the crowd and caused the most laughs of the night.

The main characters, Juliet, played by Bianca Meiloaica, and Romeo, played by Erik Mann, had good chemistry together.

Overall the play was down right entertaining. Hands down, this play is worth the money with all the laughs and excitement the entire cast provides.

New Fine Arts building to be built on campus

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A new Fine Arts building is going to be built on Cerritos College’s campus by 2016.

Fine Arts and Communications Division Instructional Dean, Connie Mayfield, explains why a new Fine Arts Building is scheduled to be built, “The purpose of the Fine Arts building being constructed into a new version, is our current building is old and we have remodeled it to serve our purposes to as much extent as possible.

“We hope to move in for the Spring semester of 2016. That’s the time line that is planned. There are a lot of people on campus who are doing many things behind the scenes to make sure that we can stick to that plan. When it goes off to the Division of State Architects, that actually takes it entirely out of our control for a while,” Mayfield said.

Mayfield mentioned that the new building will not be built soon within a year to replace the 55 year-old building.

“In the grand scheme of things the spring of 2016 is not that far off, that is less than four years from right now. In terms of an institution like Cerritos College, that’s really

not that long. People are already getting excited about the prospect they are starting to see it on the horizon.”

Journalism professor Rich Cameron expresses his excitement for the upcoming Fine Arts Building.

“I’m really looking forward to the new building, it’s as if you are moving to a new house. All the excitement of packing up and thinking about all the possibilities for the future. It is a few years away, but it is exciting.”

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SCARLETT JOHANSSON STARS AS BLACK WIDOW IN “THE AVENGERS.” (MARVEL/MCT)

‘The Avengers’ movie is more than impressive

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Movie Review

The Avengers

Starring: Chris Evans

Director: Joss Whedon

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

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“The Avengers” is an amazing

movie. What made the movie excellent was the bringing together of four great super heroes to create an action packed film.

This film is the type of movie that audiences can’t wait to go see. From the start of the movie to the end, the film has nonstop action with a bit of comedy as well.

With amazing special effects and graphics, there is little doubt that this movie cost an arm and a leg to make. However, some may

say that this movie is worth watching, even with the pricey ticket.

The acting was top-notch and the characters were, without question, believable.

It was almost as if the comic books came to life in this film.

The Avengers as a collective unit was much better than “Iron Man”, “Captain America”, “The Incredible Hulk” and “Thor” movies individually.

Not only will you want to rush out to see this movie, you will see it again and again.

Summer concerts to be on campus

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The Cerritos College Entertainment Technology Program will be having free concerts on campus for summer.

Bands that will perform are “Stitched Up Heart” and “Cardiac” on June 13 at 8 p.m. “Welcome to Concentrate” and “High Risk” will perform on June 27 at 8 p.m.

Technical and Scenic Director Dave Ward explains what is done in order to organize the concerts with students participating on the program. “We have been doing concerts for the past two years in the summer already. It is part of our Entertainment Technology program.

“We train students to be technicians in the entertaining industry so they can take classes during the regular part of the year and then they use that training in the summer time,” Ward said.

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Men's tennis ends its season after three sets

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The Cerritos College men's tennis team endured a major loss at the Southern California Regional qualifying tournament that took place May 3 to 5 at Irvine Valley.

Cerritos was defeated in the second round by El Camino College, who was ranked ninth in the state and No. 1 in the tournament.

"It went well in the second round, the first round was kind of rough and shaky," freshman Brandon Chang said.

Cerritos nearly defeated El Camino, but was defeated in three sets.

Head Coach Alvin Kim was glad about the upsets but was disappointed by the loss in the second round.

"We expected to be challenged and we played them really hard and we hoped to beat them but we came short," Kim said.

Cerritos did not manage to qualify for the state finals in San Diego Mesa on Friday and Saturday.

The Falcons needed three wins to advance to the finals, but were cut short by El Camino in the very final set of the match.

The loss not only marked the loss at regionals but it also marked the end of the Falcons' season.

Women's tennis ends its season at So Cal Regional

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Playing against the top eight players from every conference in Southern California, the Cerritos College women's tennis team lost in the Southern California Regional in San Diego on May 3 to 5.

Mandi Jenkins and Kim Diaz were the final two of Cerritos' tennis players to take a loss in their round.

According to the women's tennis Head Coach Alvin Kim, "The regional tournament is a very difficult tournament. We did win one round but [during] the rest of the qualifying rounds we were eliminated."

Kim said that the most consistent player the team has had this season was Mandi Jenkins, as she played number one for the Falcons for a majority of the season.

Jenkins record this season is 8-12 in singles and 5-15 in doubles.

Kim also said, "It has been a tough season. We lost a lot of good players in the beginning of the season, that were supposed to play for us this year, so we were a bit short handed. In the long run, the women worked very hard and they were capable.

"They did the best they could."

Up until the South Coast Conference Tournament, the Falcons had an overall record of 5-12.

Men's Track	Women's Track	Softball	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball
Overall Record: 19-92 (First placers-total events)	Overall Record: 23-132 (First placers-total events)	Overall Record: 29-10	Overall Record: 10-17	Overall Record: 23-8
Conference Record: 2nd Place (153 Points) in the South Coast Conference Championships	Conference Record: 2nd Place (162 Points) in the South Coast Conference Championships	Conference Record: 20-1	Conference Record: 2-11	Conference Record: 12-4
Men's Swimming	Women's Swimming	Baseball	Men's Tennis	Women's Tennis
Overall Record: 4-3	Overall Record: 6-2	Overall Record: 7-29	Overall Record: 11-9	Overall Record: 5-12
Conference Record: 4th Place (483 Points) in the South Coast Conference Championships	Conference Record: 20th Place (39 Team Points) in the South Coast Conference Championship	Conference Record: 4-17	Conference Record: 3-3	Conference Record: 3-6

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Spring wrap-up: Above is a photo illustration displaying the overall and conference records of all of the spring sports from this season. Most of the sports ended thier seasons during playoffs/championships.

Spring sports season comes to an end

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As the spring semester comes to an end, so does the sports season. With only track left to finish off its season, several of the Cerritos were able to reach state championships and conferences.

Both the men's and women's track and field teams placed second in the South Coast Conference Championships.

The women placed with 162 points, as Priscilla Gardner took first in both the shot put and discus events.

Angel Sifuentes also placed first in the javelin event.

The men's team placed second with 153 points.

They were able to place second with

wins by Juan Tapia in the 400 meters, Munir Kahssay in the 5,000 meters, Daniel Herrera in the 10,000 meters, Jerrad Lipscomb in the 110-meter high hurdles and Brandon Taylor in the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

Also having a pretty successful season was Cerritos' softball team.

The team ended its season with a 29-10 overall record and a 20-1 conference record, with a 10 game winning streak.

It ended its season with a mercy ruling against Southwestern in the sixth inning.

It ended the game 7-15.

Another women's team to end the season well was the Falcons' women's basketball team.

They ended their season at the Third Round Southern California Regional Playoff against El Camino College, losing 72-62.

They were two games away from the State Championships and had an ending overall record of 23-8 and a conference record of 12-4.

As women's basketball ended with a solid record, the men's team wasn't as successful.

The men's basketball ended its season with an overall record of 10-17 and a conference record of 2-11.

The team ended its season with a 61-60 win against El Camino College.

However, even with its win, the team didn't qualify for playoffs.

Baseball also had a weak season this year, ending its season with an overall record of 7-29.

The team also ended the season with a 13 game losing streak.

It is known as one of the worst baseball

records in Cerritos College history.

Men's swimming was able to end its season on a good note, placing fourth overall in the South Coast Conference Championships.

It ended the championships with 483 points.

The women's swim team ended its season placing 20th in the South Coast Conference Championships.

Its overall team score was 39 points.

The only sports event for the spring season will be track participating in the SoCal Championships at San Diego Mesa on May 12.

If the team places in the upcoming championship, it will move on to end their season at home at the State Championships on May 18 and 19.

Coaches reveal their key players for this season

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The Cerritos College coaches reflect and talk about who they felt was the most valuable player of each sport as the spring sports season comes to an end.

The men's basketball team had a challenging season with a 9-17 record.

Head Coach Russ May talked about which student athletes stood out to him the most.

"The most impressive guys on our team [were] obviously Darius Williams, [who] was a first team all conference guy, Anthony Scott was first team all conference, Anthony

Holliday [was] honorable mention, so those guys had tremendous years.

"I am very proud of all my sophomores who competed like Robert Gill, Dominique McGowan, Miguel Crosby and all just provided a tremendous amount of heart. Those guys did a great job for me, I am very proud of them."

During the season, Holliday averaged 13.0, Scott averaged at 8.2 and Williams who had 186 rebounds by the end of the season.

The softball team had a great season with 26 wins and 8 loses.

For women's basketball, forward Andrina Rendon was voted Most Valuable Player and Second Team All-State.

Women's softball Head Coach Kodee Murray mentioned which student athletes stood out to her the most this semester.

"Krista Mele, Lauren Castrellon [and]

Jackie Flores. If you look at our sophomores and what they did, I think you can see that."

Flores' overall season stats were .842, while Mele had .957, and Castrellon had 1.000.

For Falcons' baseball, first baseman Josh Ancona was named First Team All-South Coast Conference and relief pitcher Cesar Chavez was named honorable mention.

Falcons' Head Swim Coach Joe Abing said, "I don't know if we had a most valuable, but we had a number of guys that were valuable.

"I would probably say the guys that stuck out the most were Mario Ibarra and Dustin Yi."

He said that they were the hardest working, with leading scores and the scored the most points for the team throughout the season.

Due to tennis just ending its season and unavailable for comment, there has not been a named MVP for this season.

Track and field Head Coach Doug Wells said that a couple of his runners performed very well at the SoCal Championship.

"We had two athletes do outstanding in the 10,000 meter final. Daniel Herrera won the 10,000 and Munir Kahssay was second. They are both going to the state meet."

Daniel broke the school record and the top time in the state for that event.

With a time of 30.00.97, Daniel broke his own record by about 30 seconds.

Wells said about everybody that he thought would place, did.

The team is preparing for its last meets of the season.

Softball falls to Southwestern’s mercy

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With its back against the wall following Saturday’s 5-4 Southern California Regional playoff loss against Southwestern College, the Cerritos College softball team saw its season come to an end after it lost Sunday’s game two of the series against the Jaguars, suffering a 15-7 defeat that ended in a sixth inning mercy-rule finish.

As Saturday marked the opening of the 2012 Southern California Regional playoffs, the Falcons hoped to continue their winning ways.

Southwestern, was riding its own six-game winning streak, had its own plans of moving deeper into the playoffs.

With a closely-contested game on Saturday, the 5-4 loss for the Falcons left them needing to win the Sunday matchup in order to force a third game later in the afternoon.

In game one, both teams were held scoreless in the first inning. The second inning seemed to be more of the same before the Jags freshman infielder Alex Gallegos hit a two-run homerun, ending the scoreless affair.

Freshman infielder Alex Ross said, “It feels great to come out with the win we prepared all week.”

Both teams brought in a run in the third inning, keeping the battle going.

Although the Falcons attempted to claw back through Saturday’s game, it was not enough. A strong fifth inning for the Jags proved to be too much for Cerritos College. Loosing their first game of the series, the Falcons hoped to come back strong on Sunday and pull out a win, forcing a third game.

Southwestern freshman outfielder Mallory Boyd talked about what assisted in their success. “We came out here [from Chula Vista, Calif.] early to get in extra practice,” she said.

During Sunday’s game, the Jags came out swinging in the first inning stringing together some key hits, being capped off by a three-run homerun by Freshman utility player Briana Albrektsen, gave Southwestern an early 3-0 lead.

The towering homerun blast cleared the center field fence with

ease. Cerritos College came up to bat during its half of the inning and found some success, as a ground ball single scored a run for the Falcons.

Ross felt that the strong start helped the teams focus.

“Scoring three runs that early pumped us up for the rest of the game. We were ready to go out there and take the series home,” she said.

Fielding was an issue for the Falcons early during the game as they could not keep up with the well placed hits of the Jaguars.

The Falcons attempted to come back from behind, but could never pull together the hitting and fielding that was required to win.

Cerritos College Head Coach, Kodee Murray, is proud of the effort that her team showed this season.

“I thought we played together the whole season. Our kids battled all the way and we fell short this weekend,” she said.

Cerritos College sophomore second baseman, Alexxa Sanabria described Sunday’s game as back-and-forth.

“It was a battle. They showed up ready to play. We showed up ready to play,” she said.

The loss ends the Falcons season, while Southwestern moves on to Saturday’s Super Regional’s matchup against College of the Canyons beginning May 11 and continues until May 13.

The winner of that series advances to the State Championships, that are to be held at Bakersfield

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— KODEE MURRAY
Softball Head Coach



Winding up: Cerritos College softball pitcher Liliana Cornejo prepares to release a pitch during the team’s game against Southwestern College on Sunday. The Falcons lost 15-7 in six innings and were eliminated from the South Coast Conference Tournament.

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