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DREAM Act becomes possibility for students

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Nursing major Evelyn Ceja wants nothing more than to see her close friend attend college alongside her, but without legal citizenship her wish is nothing but a dream.

"They come to this country not to ruin the economy, but to start new and get an education," Ceja said.

According to Counselor Rocio Casillas, this is the situation for a lot of undocumented students due to the fact that tuition is so high.

"Without some financial support from the government many students are unable to afford to continue their education," Casillas said.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed part of the bill for the DREAM (Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors) act on July 25, which will fund undocumented students to continue their education at a college or a university.

Undocumented students will receive privately funded scholarships to attend a school of their choice, under the DREAM act law.

Business major Juan Lopez believes that undocumented students should receive aid but only if they are willing to work for it, by studying hard and proving that they deserve it.

Nursing major Brenda Ovando states that, "It is fair for them (undocumented students) to receive help, because everybody deserves to get help from the government."

Photography major Manuel Bravo agrees that the DREAM act should be passed since it will help the students that really want to continue their education get the resources required to earn a degree.

Biology major Yana Tingabngab, expresses that immigrants come from a country where they don't have all the suitable recourses to provide their youth with the needed tools to continue on to be productive leaders of society.

Students who are eligible to obtain these benefits if passed, must have entered the United States before the age of 16, must have completed high school or obtain a GED and must have good moral character.

Not everyone on campus disagrees that the law should pass. Automotive major Justin Levelagston disagree with the law because he states that Calif. is in debt and cannot afford it.

"With all the college budget cuts, it's hard for students to get classes, and a whole list of students cannot graduate," Levelagston said.

Art major Steve Gibbons also believes that the law would not be fair to California residents. "Right now we're in debt crisis," Gibbons said, "I think it would make it (the crisis) worse because we have problems of our own and we don't have time to figure out other peoples' problems."



Gone too soon: The over-turned Chevy Silverado that former Cerritos College soccer players Eddie Valencia, Carlos Ornelas and Briant Reyes were in on Aug. 15 when they crashed on the way to Kansas Wesleyan University to play soccer on a scholarship. Both Valencia and Ornelas were killed in the accident.

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Former soccer players killed in crash

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Three former players for the Cerritos College men's soccer team were involved in a car accident on Saturday afternoon, nearly 30 miles west of Green River, Utah.

Two of the victims, Carlos "Ponch" Ornelas, 21 and Eddie Valencia, 20, were killed in the crash.

The players were headed to Kansas Wesleyan University on a soccer scholarship when the car they were in flipped over three times before coming to a halt.

According to Connect2Utah.com, the men were driving in a Chevy Silverado pick-up truck going eastbound on I-70 when the vehicle went off the road on the left side and rolled into the median.

The two men of the trio were ejected from the vehicle.

UCLA student Giovanni Mayoral said the third player was Briant Reyes. Reyes is believed to have suffered minor injuries to his arms and legs, but he has been released and is currently at KWU.

A secretary for the St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colo. confirmed that the men had all been taken there after the accident.

Ornelas and Valencia were air lifted to the hospital but was driven.

Ornelas died on Saturday, shortly after arriving to the hospital, while Valencia died on

Sunday after being taken off of life support.

Head coach Benny Artiaga was away with the team and could not immediately be reached for comment.

The cause of the crash and who was driving is still under investigation.

Juan Huerta, who also played for the Falcons, also signed to play soccer at KWU but he chose to fly to the school instead of driving, according to Cerritos College Sports Information Director John Van Gaston.

Overwhelming support

KWU President Fletcher Lamkin expressed his thoughts in a statement released by the school on Monday.

"We are devastated by the deaths of Carlos and Eddie. Our heartfelt love and condolences go out to the grieving families and friends," he said.

"To see their lives snuffed out so prematurely is tragic. They lost their opportunity to fulfill their potential. It also causes us to reflect on the potential of our own lives and rededicate ourselves leading good, successful, and significant lives, where we indeed serve others and make this better world."

Head coach Mike Dibbini, who recruited all three players said, "Carlos and Eddie were great kids, great players and great students. Their loss is not only a loss for the soccer program, but the entire university. Our condolences go out to their families in this difficult time."

Valencia was once a referee at the Liberty Soccer League in Whittier.

President Rafael Mendoza explained how his program gave a tribute to Valencia and Ornelas.

"Our prayers and thoughts are with the families of Eddie and Carlos. We are sad to hear of this tragic accident," he continued, "as news came of this tragedy we held a moment of silence before our last game this Sunday to honor both of these extraordinary people."

Sandra Gutierrez, who lives on the same block as Ornelas, recalled memories of seeing him grow up.

"I remember seeing him walk to school every morning. He was a quiet kid with a cute smile and I never saw him in any kind of negative activity but soccer was in his blood," she said.

Gutierrez, a mother of four males aged 25, 23, 19 and 13, says she couldn't imagine the pain the that Ornelas' family is going through.

"I've seen his mom, aunts, cousins, and siblings and you can feel the sadness in their eyes. I am a mother of four boys and I couldn't imagine the pain of not having one of them. Mothers aren't supposed to bury their children."

Everlasting impact

Cal Poly Pomona men's soccer forward Luis Gonzalez said when he heard of the accident, he dropped to his knees and began crying.

"It has affected me really bad as I am going into my senior year at Cal Poly Pomona. I think about them every time I step on the field and it has been hard for me to concentrate on my game," he said.

"But, I can't let it get me down too much. I have to play harder and win for my fallen soldiers because that's what they would have wanted me to do. They looked up to me a lot as a role model so this season is dedicated to them."

Gonzalez met Valencia his sophomore year while they were both playing in a semi-professional league based in the city of La Puente. He met Ornelas while they were both

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CARLOS ORNELAS



EDDIE VALENCIA

Orientation set for new study abroad program

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The first orientations for Cerritos College's first ever Study Abroad program will be held on Thursday Aug. 25 at 11 a.m. and on Tuesday Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. in the board room.

The Study Abroad program will take place at Madrid, Spain and will begin in the Spring 2012 semester.

William Farmer, Vice President of Academic Affairs said that all that is needed is 25 students to sign up for the program.

Students can sign up for the program at <http://programs.capa.org/CerritosMadrid>.

The deadline to sign up for the Study Abroad program is Nov. 1.

"The students will study the first three weeks [at Cerritos], and then they'll move to Madrid."

"And they'll will spend 10 weeks in Madrid studying and traveling for the remainder of the semester," Farmer said.

All students must be enrolled in 12 units in order to participate in the Study Aboard program.

"Financial aid is available, [students] should see the financial aid office if they're interested," Farmer said.

Students will be able to visit cities that are taught in classes including Cordoba, El Escorial and Granada.

Students will receive a metro pass to explore cities within Madrid as well as living in apartments while they are in Spain.

Spanish instructor Froylan Cabuto and economics and women's studies professor Diane Keenan were the professors chosen for this program.

Cabuto will be teaching Elementary Spanish (Spanish 101 and 102) and Spanish Conversation while Keenan will be teaching Principles of Macroeconomics, Global focus (Economics 201), American Political Institution (Political Science 101) and Woman in the Global Economy.

Keenan said that these classes will be comparing the United States system to the Spanish system.

"In the economics class, we are going to be exchanging money, so we are going to observe the currency markets there."

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Student's death ruled a suicide

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Police have confirmed that the death of a Cerritos College student who fell to his death at the Cerritos Towne Center parking lot on Aug. 6 as a suicide.

Ed Winter, assistant chief of the Los Angeles County Department of Coroner, said that 23-year-old Franz Harris Husges was reportedly depressed.

Husges, a 2006 Gahr High School graduate, was said to have several text messages in his phone saying that he would kill himself.

Female student assaulted near parking lot

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A woman was allegedly fondled by a man near parking lot C-2 at Cerritos College August 15.

Arthur Bueno, an eyewitness who resides in Bellflower, saw the crime while pulling into the parking lot, held down the accuser until Cerritos College Police arrived on scene.

The woman was walking eastbound near the marquee when the incident occurred.

She was assaulted and begin to fight back against her attacker until somebody came to her aid.

Bueno came in contact with the suspect, identified as Brian Kochems. When he asked what was he doing he then told Kochems to sit down until the authorities arrived.

Thousands gather for welcome day

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Breaking the record with a total of 3,500 meals served, students waited in line, anticipating a free burger, chips and a soda.

For years, Cerritos College has had its annual Welcome Day featuring In-N-Out's fantastic food.

"The line was pretty fast and I sure would come back next time." Jerry Jones, a criminal justice major at Cerritos College, said.

"I heard about the event earlier and wanted to check it out. All you need is your student ID and the Fall sticker, so why not?"



Working Together: Reena Cazaux, lead teacher at the Cerritos College Child Development Center, helps four-year-olds Damien Guffey, left, and Thomas Stolze, center, clear weeds from the future site of their fruit garden. The center was awarded a \$500 grant to sponsor the garden, which was planned, will be maintained and reaped by the children who attend the center. They plan to use the fruit for snacks and desserts.

Children learn through garden

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Children at the Cerritos College Child Development Center will soon be making smoothies, desserts and snacks from fruit they grew in their playground.

Four blueberry bushes and nine fruit tree saplings, some with fruit dangling off the branches, arrived Aug. 16, after the center was selected for the 2011 Jamba Juice It's All About the Fruit award, which was given by the National Gardening Association and Jamba Juice.

The prize comes with a \$500 grant that sponsors the construction of a fruit tree garden at the care center.

"Apples, plums, lemons, oranges, apples, blueberries, bananas--we get to eat them," said 4-year-old Tatum Mora, who has an orange tree at home.

With the help of the staff, the 2-to-5-year-old children who attend the care center planned the project, will care for the garden and eat the fruit they grow.

"Our purpose was not only for the education but also to teach children about healthy eating habits," said Debra S. Ward, director of the Child Development Center.

"When the fruits are ready and we can harvest them, the plan is to use them in our snacks, our breakfast and our lunches and also for the opportunity for children to cook with the various fruits and make different meals out of them."

Ward also intends for the children to take the nutritional knowledge they learn from the project back home to share with their families.

Since receiving the grant in June, the children have been researching seeds, fruit trees and growing procedures.

They also surveyed each other and the staff members to determine what fruits would be most favored among the development center and drew bar graphs of the results.

The children organized everything except the grant writing, according Diana Echeverria, a teacher for the center.

"They're learning alot of math, they're learning cooperative play with one another and it's allowed them to be very curious to engage in such an experience for a long period of time and want to be apart of it," said Echeverria.

There is no specific date when the garden will be finished but they plan to plant the trees in September.

The center was among the 20 winners given the grant from a nation-wide pool of more than 500 applicants.

According to Julie Parker-Dickerson, education program coordinator, National Gardening Association in South Burlington, Vt., her organization has been awarding grants to schools and community garden programs for more than 35 years.

"We believe that teaching children about gardening not only empowers the next generation to be able to grow their own food, it also gives children an opportunity to better connect with nature and their communities," said Parker-Dickerson.

"Gardening enables children to engage in studies across the curriculum through hands-on experiences.

"Even the youngest students can gain from the experience of watching a seed sprout, learning to care for another living thing, develop some vocabulary to describe what is occurring, and perhaps enjoy a fruit or vegetable they grew themselves," Parker-Dickerson said.



Green Thumb: Thomas Stolze waters one of the fruit tree saplings for the center's garden.

Study abroad: New program is now open for Cerritos College students to travel in the Spring

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Keenan, who has visited Spain before, expressed her how excited she was about the program.

"[Spain] is a great country to visit, there is a lot of interesting history there, it's a great culture, great food and to visit is very interesting," she said.

Cabuto also shared his plans for what he will do in his part of the program.

"I will be integrating the culture of Spain into my classes with my students," he said.

Cabuto will have his students visit museums and learn about the different paintings.

"[The students] will be required visit certain monuments that are historical, before we go to any extortions, I will make sure the students understand the historical background and culture of the city," he said.

The cost of the program will be \$6,999, including airline fees and enrollment fees.

The fees will include housing in the apartments, airfare going to and from Spain, and the cities they will be visiting.

Valerie Ayala, psychology major, said "Students can benefit from the different culture and different language."

She also said, " It sounds interesting, but I prefer to be on campus next spring."

However, John Morfin, radio and broadsting major said that students could see things that they wouldn't normally get to see.

"[Study Aboard] sounds cool, but it's not for me.

Other meetings will take place on Sept. 13 at 11 p.m. in LC 155. The Sept. 14 meeting starts at 7 p.m., is to be announced.

Students could ask any questions during the meetings.

Soccer deaths: Former players killed in fatal Colorado crash

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at La Puente. He met Ornelas while they were both playing for the Cypress Futbol Club, when Gonzalez was 15 years old.

A Facebook page has been set up as a memorial to Ornelas and Valencia. The page had nearly 3,900 "likes" on Friday night and it was started by Shannon Santos-Perez Brooks, friend of the two victims.

The men's soccer team has also announced that it will honor the players at the team's first game on Aug. 30 against Los Angeles Mission College with a tribute that is being called "Celebration of Life."

The team has also set a goal to sell 1,000 royal blue balloons for five dollars each to raise money for the families and at the conclusion of the game everyone who purchased a balloon will be allowed to enter the field so the balloons can all be released simultaneously.

The younger brothers of Valencia and Ornelas will participate in pregame activities with the team and sit on the sideline during the game.

Both families will also receive a framed jersey.

Overcoming the financial burden

This is one of several events being organized in memory of the two men and to help the families offset the financial burden.

On Monday, a vigil was organized by Mark Flinn and it was held at the Downey Brewing Co.

The Yogurtini in Salina, Ks, will donate 10% of all sales on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to the families of Ornelas and Valencia.

Donations are also being accepted by both families.

To donate to the Valencia family, it can be done through the Bank of America account 03159-77597 and the Ornelas family is receiving them through the Chase Bank account number, 3036591315.

Piolin Por La Mañana, a radio-show on the Spanish station 101.9, is also sponsoring a car wash that is to be held on Monday in Whittier at 8536 Norwalk Blvd at 3 p.m.

John William Henry, Principal Owner of the Boston Red Sox and the English professional football club Liverpool F.C. informed Artiaga that he would be donating a jersey from each team he owns to the players' families.

The Red Sox jersey will be autographed by four-time All-Star relief pitcher Jonathan Papelbon.

It has not been announced who will sign the Liverpool jersey.

The memorabilia will be auctioned at silent event at the team's first game.

Several other local businesses have agreed to help the families overcome the financial burdens.

DP's Pizza Pub in La Habra as well as David Gomez of Century 21 All-Stars in Downey have both agreed to donate \$100 for each goal the Falcons score during the game.

Family and friends of the team will be going to DP's Pizza Pub after the game and the restaurant has agreed to donate a percentage of the sales to the families.

Closure

Valencia's wake is on Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. at Guerra Gutierrez Mortuaries.

Ornelas' viewing will be held at Saint Raymond's Church on Tuesday from 5 to 9 p.m.

There will be a church service the following day at 10 a.m., then he will be interred at All Souls Mortuary in Long Beach.



Recycle, reuse: ReStore manager Scott Lee (left), reporter Gayle Anderson (center) and consultant Darren Moore (right) film a live segment for KTLA 5 on Aug. 16. Habitat for Humanity's Norwalk ReStore had its first anniversary this month

KTLA 5 visits Habitat for Humanity

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The Habitat for Humanity ReStore was visited by KTLA 5 to film a live broadcast on Aug. 16.

The ReStore facility is just across the street from Cerritos College on Alondra Boulevard.

ReStore Manager Scott Lee stated that KTLA 5 has been incredibly supportive of them.

KTLA 5 reporter Gayle Anderson and her crew covered the grand opening of the Norwalk location that was held last August and returned this month for its first

anniversary.

David Lopez, electronic news gathering specialist, cameraman for KTLA 5, said that the channel has already done a few stories about Habitat for Humanity in Southern California.

"Today we thought we'd do a follow-up story to see what the retail side of Habitat for Humanity does and how it generates revenue to help build the homes around the country, or specifically here in Southern California," he said.

They were to report from the Gardena Habitat ReStore just after filming at the Norwalk location.

Habitat for Humanity is well-known for its support from former president,

Jimmy Carter.

ReStore's sales profits go toward a program called "A Brush with Kindness," helping those in the greater Los Angeles area with a low income who cannot afford a home loan to restore and refurbish their house.

Also present to mark the occasion was Darren Moore, creator and adviser for Ecovations, who was filmed shopping at the ReStore as part of the KTLA 5 segment.

Moore said Ecovations, which was founded in 2006, takes materials that normally wouldn't have a use and they make them into something that someone would interact with regularly.

"Our background is in buildings, but we're really moving into the lifestyle of reuse and recycle and doing the right things with what we have, in terms of resources, because there are so many materials out there that get wasted," Moore said.

Moore said he created a persona called the "Eco-MacGyver," whom he described as someone who could "go out and give you an eco-solution on the fly."

Moore gave an example of a person who might seek an eco-friendly toilet.

"We come up with a way to do gray water, or lower the water volume of the toilet or recycle water. We could take waste water in your house and reuse it into

the toilet.

"It just seems so ridiculous that we're using water to flush a toilet."

Lee said he was excited both about the anniversary and KTLA 5, but emphasized that he was also excited to be able to support the Norwalk and Cerritos communities and other neighboring cities that "have been extremely supportive coming in with their donations."

"We need you to bring us your donations, we need to recycle as a community, we need to think green and we need to all get on that train and do it."

"If we all do it, we can make a difference."

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Farmer concludes career

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Vice President of Academic Affairs and Assistant Superintendent William "Bill" Farmer will retire after working 30 years at California community colleges and six years at Cerritos College, at the end of August.

He said "Cerritos College is a wonderful community college with many talented faculty, staff and administrators who care deeply about student success."

"I have been honored to be part of such a fine organization to work with many talented people for the past six years."

"I believe the college is in better shape as I leave than when I arrived and I hope and believe my efforts have played a part in that improvement."

"I wish the college nothing but the best in the future."

Farmer sent an e-mail to faculty members addressing his retirement at Cerritos College.

During his six years with Cerritos College, Farmer served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Assistant Superintendent and Interim President.

While working as Interim President, he helped oversee the construction on campus, helped balance Cerritos' financial stability, and removed Cerritos from warning status with "the Accrediting Commission in less than a year by addressing four critical recommendations," according to his e-mail.

Serving as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Assistant Superintendent, Farmer helped restore enrollment management, secured up to millions of dollars in grants to support Cerritos, and helped established the Student Learning Outcome.

Taking over as the Interim Vice President is Executive Dean Marilyn Brock.

She said, "retirement is a personal decision. And people decide to do it different times in their career."

Brock also said, "I think we both respect each other professionally, and we both work well together."

She has had some experience working as the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs when Farmer was the Interim President.

Stephen Johnson, Vice President of Student Services, talked about Farmer's work at Cerritos College.

"He has been somebody who has been very caring about student success, and making sure that we have excellent faculty," Johnson said.

"I wish him well in his retirement. He's had a long career in working with colleges and academic life, and I think he will look back on those years very fondly, and he's earned a good retirement," he said.

Farmer was an English professor at Pasadena City College from 1981 to 1993.

He also worked as the Division Dean of foreign languages in from 1993 to 1997 and then as an Associated Dean of Instruction from 1997-2000 at Pasadena.

He was Los Angeles Mission College's Vice President of Academic Affairs from 2001 to 2005 until arriving at Cerritos College.

"I wish the college nothing but the best in the future."

— BILL FARMER
Vice President of Academic Affairs



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End of an era: William "Bill" Farmer, Jr. will wrap up an extensive career working with California community colleges over 30 years. His last day will be Aug. 26.

•EDITORIAL•

DREAM Act opens window

The decision to sign the bill for the DREAM Act, put California Governor Jerry Brown on the plate for making the right choice as he lifted the hopes of students who are inapplicable for any financial assistance because of their status as an “illegal immigrant.”

The DREAM Act will not only help gain an opportunity for a thriving future for determined students, but will bring a fair balance for them by offering the same chance to have a place in a classroom.

It’s a heated debate amongst citizens whether this bill will impair the bureaucracy of the educational system and cause a greater state deficit.

Arguments to the DREAM Act include that it will affect resident students by giving away their seat, when in all reality this bill helps improve the path of undocumented students to stay on guard with their choice to continue their life as a loyal academic individual.

By offering financial aid and assistance to illegal undocumented students certainly gives the chance to not only progress with their goals, but with this investment it supports the fundamental rights to allow those who have resided in the U.S. for over a decade to complete their scholastic aspirations that will

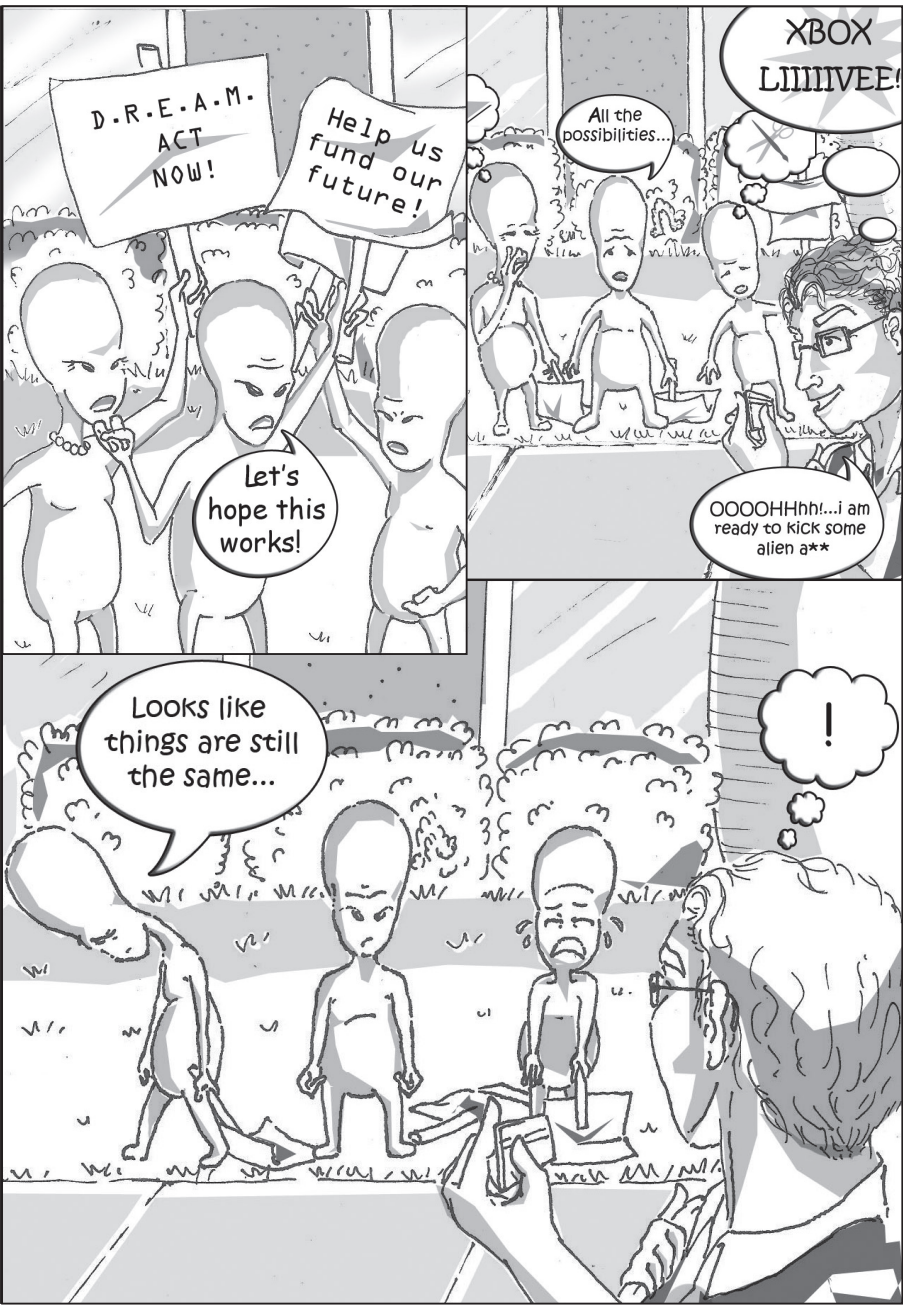
one day mold a brighter prospect for California.

To propose the idea that the DREAM Act will dispose the existing dreams of legal student citizens, who are in the midst of completing their education, shouldn’t be considered when the bill will provide private funds to undocumented students.

Students of legal citizenship can Cont their dream that they’ve built throughout the years of hard work for a successful career, because the DREAM Act isn’t about garnishing promises. Instead, the bill delivers a message and it should be known as this, “resolute students deserve the right to persevere in what they dream to do.”

Let’s not condemn the fundamental human rights toward students who want to keep acquiring learning skills, just because they lack legal documentation in California or in any part of the U.S. Building a strong foundation by permitting intuition financial aid programs is one of the direct successful results of the DREAM Act.

Signing the bill to get our education to broaden for the sake of committed students, who happen to land under the “illegal immigrant” status, creates possibilities for California to mature as a state that stands for



A ‘W’ is just not enough of a penalty

With the current state of the budget in this country, it is now more important than ever to utilize the full potential of every single financial resource that we have available to us.

The Cerritos College Administration needs to implement a “no return policy” when it comes to students dropping classes.

If students enrolls in a class, they need to be forced to either keep the class and continue their education, or drop the class and receive a failing grade as soon as the class is dropped.

As Cerritos continues to eliminate classes in an attempt to be in compliance with our state’s financial crisis, students are noticing more and more frequently that the amount of classes are significantly decreasing.

Students are being forced to take any class that they can get, or live on a hope that they will be able to petition a class with hopes that someone will drop, allowing that student that desires the class an option of taking it.

The problem is that students seem to be extremely “gung ho” initially about taking a class.

Students show up on the first day of the semester unwilling to move, bend, or



break pertaining to other students that wish to take the class, but that overexcited zeal soon wears off, and the same students that were 100 percent confident about the passion of taking a specific class are now the same ones that drop the class.

They leave an open seat that could have been occupied by a sincere and truly motivated student.

Cerritos College student Courtney Brewer commented on the possibility of penalizing students for dropping classes by saying, “You should have a “W” even if you drop in the first couple days.”

However, having a “W” on a student’s transcript basically only says that the student changed their mind. In fact, it doesn’t even affect the GPA’s.

Cerritos College Administration needs to do more about this problem. There needs to be a true penalty for dropping classes.

Much like the laws in our country, we are mindful of the things that we do and don’t do because of the consequences associated with them. We know that there is a punishment that comes along with disobeying the law. What makes Cerritos College students any different? Cerritos College needs a viably enforceable law that would prohibit students from dropping classes without punishment. Much like those of us that are parents; we have rules and expectations that we expect our children to adhere to and if they don’t, there are consequences.

In a survey with 10 Cerritos College students, 60 percent of the students said that they are in favor of some type of punishment, 20 percent said that they are not in favor of such an ideal, and 20 percent said that they are in favor of some type of punishment “within reason.”

Theater Arts and Computer Science major Jose Za Zueta said, “If students show patterns of dropping classes consistently then they should be given a penalty, or at least given less priority for enrollment in the future.”

There are times when we all have to drop classes. Maybe there is an emergency. Maybe there are financial restrictions as to why we can’t take a class. It is possible that the student attends the class on the first day and realizes that the expectations for the class are more than the student is able to commit. These are all understandable reasons but when is enough, enough?

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“Do solicitors on campus bother you?”

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LUIS PALACIOS
undecided major
“Sometimes solicitors try to force me to sign their papers, but it doesn’t bother me at all. Unless if you tell them you don’t want to sign anything, and they keep bothering you.”

BREE AGTING
sociology major
“Honestly, I don’t get bothered by it because I’m an open minded person. If they need me to sign something for their magazines or the Christianity things, it doesn’t bother me, because I’m Christian.”



OCTAVIO HERNANDEZ
engineering major
“It doesn’t bother me. I think it’s all right because it gets people involved.”

JASON REVULLA
physical therapist assistant major
“It doesn’t really bother me because I don’t actually have to sign anything.”



VIET J. JAIN
engineering major
“It can get irritating sometimes. Especially, if you are rushing for class, and they follow there. ”

EDWARD LOPEZ
undecided major
“It doesn’t really bother me. I haven’t signed anything yet, but solicitors have came up to me.”



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“The Cerritos College Administration needs to implement a “no return policy when it comes to students dropping classes.”

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Working her way up to the studio

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Dance major Areal Hughes, recipient of the 2011 Academic Excellence Award, is the first African-American female to serve as a Student Trustee on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees. Before reaching this achievement, she in her words, went through an unexpected life changing event.

During her middle school years, Hughes had an accident in one of her kickboxing classes. "I felt something pop in my leg, I sat there thinking it was nothing serious because I only sprained it," Hughes said.

This point in her life left her with the possibility of not walking ever again. Using a wheelchair and then crutches after surgery, Hughes was left with a scar resembling her endurance.

Hughes' mother came home one day and noticed the swelling on her knee wasn't going down. The infection derived from the incision from surgery and she was rushed to



ROSAURA MONTES/TM

Overcoming adversity: Dance major Areal Hughes overcame the physical challenge of not being able to walk again. She is now involved with ASCC and the Dance department at Cerritos College.

the hospital.

"Had I come minutes or hours later, they would have had to amputate my leg," Hughes said.

Overcoming the pain of being picked with needles and physical therapy wasn't a pleasant time period, according to Hughes.

Obtaining the capability to walk again prior to dance, would have never been considered possible by doctors. She was given the option of amputating her knee, and having her live life without a leg.

"At first I was kept in my own room in the hospital because of the risk of my knee infection being contagious," Hughes said.

A new doctor was given to Hughes, who then gave hope that she would be able to walk again on

her two feet. "I had to learn how to walk and run again, let alone dance," Hughes said.

Set with nerves and struggles inside her mind, Hughes stepped into her first dance class at Cerritos College.

"I haven't danced in a long time and it was really emotional for me because I thought I wasn't able to do this," she said.

As a dance major, not only does she manage her classes and her daily dance rehearsals, but she also attends every school event, helps clubs, and plays an active role on campus by offering her help to anyone without asking any questions.

Judicial Affairs worker Nikki Jones said, "Areal always lends a hand to anyone even if they don't ask her."

Student Activities Program Assistant Nancy Bonilla said, "It doesn't matter what event is happening on campus, she's always there. We can always count on her."

Hughes was given various academic awards such as a Gold Falcon, a Silver Falcon and a Bronze Falcon for her leadership services in ASCC.

"People usually get a certificate, I would have been fine with that, I didn't expect to get a Bronze Falcon my first time," Hughes said.

Hughes then decided to run for student trustee.

"I campaigned so much; I told students to vote for me because I know I could make a difference by being a voice for Cerritos College."

Out of sight from impressing the fans

Music Review

"If Not Now, When?"

Band: Incubus
Rating: ★ ★

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Is Incubus trying to renew itself? Or are they trying really hard to win their fans over with a new album?

Its last album, "Light Grenades" has a deep and intimate melody compared to their new album "If Not Now, When?" Incubus has more of an urban lyrical sound and rage in "Light Grenades" than their new album coming out on August 17.

Were fans really waiting five years for Incubus to come out with just a decent album?

The group lost its touch, not only in the music, but it doesn't have as much motivation and passion as all the other albums.

Out of the five year hiatus, three of those years Incubus was working on the new album "If Not Now, When?" The following two years, Incubus decided to take a break from their new album.

Singer Bradon Boyd worked on a solo album and exhibiting his own art shows.

Guitarist Michael Einziger

went off to school for two of those years, and bassist Ben Kenney released a solo record.

In the song "Adolescents," Boyd takes the kind of gloomy view that an adolescent may have. He sings vaguely about feeling overwhelmed and out of bound, repeating the hook, "Out of sight, out of mind / We're out of time."

The song "If Not Now, When?" is really taking you to something different than "Adolescents." It's more about telling the love of his life how he has been waiting for a while and now he wants to take things to a committed level.

In the song "Promises, Promises," it follows up from the song "If Not Now, When?" Boyd expresses metaphors in "Promises, Promises" about how the woman he loves can't promise him anything because they are not together.

Boyd uses illusion with the word "promise," saying, "I've never done this before, promises, promises, but I'm enjoying the illusion and the things my body says."

This song has more reasoning and knowledge on the idea about how he feels and not really the expression of feelings in it.

The album is decent. The songs all have a different kind of beat not really the same crazy tone as in their old albums. You can see they have matured a lot, but it's not the same sound they use to have.

It may be based on how the band distanced itself for a while. Overall the album is okay. However, it is not billboard material.

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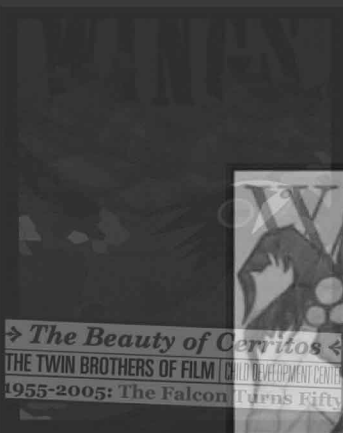


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MICHELLE MORENO/TM

Following Routine: More than 70 students showed up for the Fall semester dance concert auditions. Students had to be set up in groups to be evaluated by Dance Instructor, Janet Sanderson and professional choreographers.

Students show off style and their moves at dance concert auditions

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Students showed up for the 2011 dance auditions on Saturday. From a pool of more than 70 students, only 30 dancers will be selected, according to Dance Instructor Janet Sanderson.

The auditions started off with everyone in the numerical order, then everyone had a chance to show off the dance styles that they do best.

The students were introduced to a couple of ballet movements, which were performed while the instructors evaluated their auditions.

Michael Therrien, a marine biology major, said how dancing is a way to express what words cannot.

"I tried poetry, instruments, and painting, but dancing is the only way I can express myself," he said.

Therrien added, "You don't

have to be an expert to dance, I just jumped in and did what they told me to do."

One student that tried out for the auditions was Destiny Renfro, criminal justice major, who has over eleven years of dance experience.

She said, "I was nervous, but when the music played, I felt free."

Students were put into two separate groups and had to memorize a number and perform it with an ending of their own freestyle dance move.

Sociology major, Erica Cofield explains how she uses the dance classes to her advantage.

"This is my fourth time doing the auditions. All the experience you gain in the dance classes really do help."

As the auditions continued, some dancers were having difficulty following the numbers and others didn't have any trouble at all.

"It seemed as if the returning

dancers get better each year," Therrien said.

The casting list will be posted on Aug. 23 for students to know who will dance in the concert Nov. 3-5.

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Brandon Rodriguez/TM
Competition: Quarterback Morgan Fennell is in the middle of the football team's ladder drills during practice. He and sophomore Brandon Denker (not pictured) are in the middle of a battle for the starting quarterback position.

Football returns with depth

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The Cerritos College football team enters the 2011 campaign with an empty starting quarterback slot, but because of the depth of the team, offensive mind-set and competition between players, the team is confident going into the season.

Last season, the Falcons beat Los Angeles Harbor 29-14 capping the victory off with a 56-yard punt return for a touchdown from Wide Receiver Dion Curry, who also finished his sophomore season at Cerritos in 2010.

After coming within one game of playing in the state championship, which they lost 51-0 to Mount San Antonio College and finished the season 9-1.

Cerritos lost 16 players to universities with scholarships.

Rather than having a couple of standout players like Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Running Back Daveon Barner, who ran for 10 touchdowns last year.

Head Coach Frank Mazzotta says this 2011 team is strong from top to bottom.

"I would say that we are three-deep at every position," Mazzotta said, "we have at least 33 to 35 kids on both sides of the ball that are ready to play and that can play."

According to Mazzotta, the offensive linemen he has now may be the best he has ever coached in his 33 seasons at the junior college level.

Mazzotta explained that the offensive line seems a bit consistent compared to the position battle between returning Freshman quarterbacks Morgan Fennell and Brandon Denker.

Both players have redshirted one year at Cerritos College, due to injuries.

"I expect great things from myself, coach is expecting great things so I have to too," Fennell said, "it is a competition, there is no way around it. The best player will play for the team. Football isn't anything without competition."

Last season's quarterback, Kane Wilson, left the team during last spring after his first year on the team and is not playing at any school at this time.

Wilson threw for 17 touchdowns in 12 of the games he played in last season.

One of Wilson's former teammates is Sophomore Safety, Chris Metcalf, who feels that the team is in good hands, whether it is Denker or Fennell leading this year's offense.

"Both players will most likely get a shot at playing this year and whoever does the best out of the two will keep the job," Metcalf said.

Freshman Defensive End DonJames Sasa is more worried about hitting the opposing team's quarterback than the position battle.

"I'm not real big on quarterbacks because I have to hit them. The competition (between Denker

and Fennell) is looking pretty good though," Sasa said, "both quarterbacks are looking strong. They both know how to read the field."

The coaching staff has been keeping a close eye on both players throughout the offseason and will look to make a decision as to who will start the season this week.

"One (Fennell) has all the leadership and a little bit of a problem and the other guy (Denker) has the athletic ability, but lacks in the leadership department," Mazzotta said.

"Right now, we have confidence in whoever we choose to start," he said.

The head coach has recently changed the offensive mindset in the last few seasons, so that the offense is not dependent on the quarterback.

"In the past, universities would take our quarterbacks after one season," he said.

According to Mazzotta, the change has resulted in an average of 30.0 points per game for the Falcons.

Another reason why Mazzotta feels the quarterback situation is not a problem is because of the receivers and tight ends.

"We have returners (sophomore Receiver) Silver Viafanua, and (sophomore Receiver) Lindsey Anderson and I think we have three great tight ends right now. We just have to get them on the field," Mazzotta said.

On the other side of the ball, returners like Metcalf looks to step into leadership roles, left by last year's Conference Defensive Player of the Year, Free Safety Keith McGill.

Metcalf had 59 total tackles in 10 games played last season.

32 of them were solo tackles.

Some key defensive returners that Mazzotta names included Sophomores, Linebacker Joshua Finau and Defensive End Sony Theodate.

One freshman who will make an impact soon, according to Mazzotta, is La Habra High School alumnus, freshman Kyle Peko.

Peko also played under Mazzotta's son, who is the head coach at La Habra High School.

Mazzotta feels the team is young and might stumble over some growing pains early in the season, but with four games in September, he thinks that should be out of the way by October.

"We might have to endure some growing pains early on, but once we get it together we should be pretty good," Mazzotta said.

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Finley, Garcia, Stovall lead falcon squad in upcoming season

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Sophomore middle blockers Amber Finley, Aundrea Stovall, and sophomore setter Guadalupe Garcia are the only returning starters from last season's Cerritos College Women's Volleyball team.

The Falcons will have to fill the void of outside hitters Chanelle Puou and Jessika Suesoff, who had a combined 344 kills, 272 digs and 199 assists last season.

Puou and Suesoff were both selected to the All-South Coast Conference team last season.

Head coach Teresa Velasquez-Ortega said not having Suesoff is a loss, but the team has new young girls and is expecting to do very well this season.

Sophomore Setter Guadalupe Garcia said Puou and Suesoff were big contributors to the team as two of the strongest hitters.

However, the team is looking forward to the upcoming season with three of the team's returning starters coming back to help get them up to their skill level.

Freshman Stephanie Ortiz said, "The returners obviously have a lot of experience. They have a lot of responsibilities on their shoulders to show us the path, we should be on."

Garcia said, "There is a lot of pressure on us being the returners. There's only a few of us, most of the team is new."

The Falcons are now well adapted the second time around, as they head into their second season without a home gym.

Head coach Ortega, along with assistant coaches Gay Castaneda and Nancy Marin, are able to strengthen their athletes with more individual attention due to the number of coaches assisting the team.

"We get to split the team in half and get more ball handling during practice," Garcia said.

"I have to work twice as hard, because I'm an incoming freshman. I have a lot of pressure and responsibility to catch up to the returner's skills," Ortiz said.

The drills in practice have been focused on serving, receiving and passing techniques, which Stovall thinks are key skills in the game.

"We're a small team. We just need to push forward, get comfortable and trust one another." Redshirt freshman Jessica Dorado said.

Finley, Stovall and Garcia hope the new members of the team get more into the game and help pass on their knowledge of the sport to benefit team's performance.

Stovall hopes to keep her fellow teammates encouraged and energized throughout the season.

Stovall is ready to give it her all and help take the Falcons out of their two-year slump.

"You can't dwell on what you can't fix, build on it and do better," Stovall said regarding the last season.

"Win or lose, I hope to gain as a student-athlete, a better relationship with the team and to have

some fun memories whether it's laughing or crying together," Ortiz said.

All members of the team will participate in a scrimmage game on Aug. 27.

"I'm hoping to show the coaches the potential I have to play

and hopefully that will get me into the starting six," Dorado said.

The Falcons' first game will be against Santa Ana College at Gahr High School on Sept. 9.

According to Garcia, nerves and excitement seem to be the rhythm of the team leading to this event.

"I don't know what to expect," Garcia said.

"Hopefully we have the chemistry to play well," Dorado said.

Cerritos finished last season with a win, but did not make it to the playoffs.

Ortega feels this team can compete with the other teams in the South Coast Conference.

Velasquez-Ortega feels the team will start stronger then last season.

She has also implemented a new philosophy for the team.

"The team's philosophy is always to play hard, play as a (good) teammate and work hard, that is

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Clauss named new Athletic Director

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The Cerritos College athletic department held a conference for athletes participating in the 2011-2012 school year, on Friday, which also introduced the new Athletic Director Dan Clauss.

In one of the only times he would be able to speak to all the athletes at the same time, Clauss spoke on areas such as: academics, uniforms, and transferring.

Clauss is a former defensive line coach for the Cerritos College football team under Head Coach Frank Mazzotta.

"He is a good guy and he is very efficient in what he does," Mazzotta said.

For three years Clauss was the assistant coach and a full-time faculty member at Grossmont College,

before getting the Athletic Director job at Cerritos.

Clauss has said he plans on focusing on the Athletic Director position rather than stay coaching like some Athletic Directors before him.

"I actually held the job for three-years in the mid-90s, along with coaching the football and golf teams. Back then that was normal," Mazzotta said.

Mazzotta is one of three staff members who has held the position previously, along with the football team's offensive coordinator, Dean Grosfeld and head softball coach, Kodee Murray.

After Dan Smith's departure in 2008, co-Athletic Directors Grosfeld and Murray both were in term for last season's 77 athletes accepting scholarships, which was a school record.

Murray was also a part of the

hiring committee and was pleased with Clauss throughout the process.

"Although he looks relatively young, he is going to come in on fire," Murray said. Clauss is taking over as director of an athletic program that has had 16 teams advance to the post season last year. Also a program that has had nine state champions in the past five years, three All-Americans and five players who acquired all state honors.


Clauss is making efforts to become familiar with the Athletic Position.

Clauss says he wants to get to know all of his athletes in time.

"I am very excited to get to know the athletes and watch the games this season," Clauss said.

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