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Addressing the college: Cerritos College President Linda Lacy speaks at the convocation on Thursday. Various faculty members, as well as staff and administrators, attended the Burnight Center Theatre for the event.

President Lacy leads convocation

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Dean of Academic Success Bryan Reece announced that 80 percent of the school's success rate has increased during the 2011 Convocation on Sept. 15 at the Burnight Center Theatre.

The Nursing, Dental Hygiene, and Law department success rate is currently between an approximate 80 to 90 percent, with the change of a 1 to 2.9 percent change within the last three years.

Reece said, "We went over three issues in the presentation. One is the question 'Are we improving academically at Cerritos College?', and the short answer to that is yes.

"We laid out a lot of data to support that answer.

"Then we answered the question, secondly, 'Why do we think we are improving academically?' Is it the economy, is it some other factor and I laid out the explanation as to why I think it's the student success plan that is having the impact on this.

"And then the third question we looked at is, 'How do we accelerate in this direction now that we are moving in the right direction?' And there, we talked about things that can block the acceleration, and what we can do to stop it."

According to the presentation outline, the library division has a 9 percent increase, going from 50.82 percent to 59.80 percent.

The presentation also stated that 39 to 40 percent of students are assessing into college level reading and 13 to 14 percent are assessing into college level English.

However, less than 1 percent of students are assessing to college level math.

During the presentation, math was among the lowest percentages of all divisions at the school.

Although Reece wants to help solve the issue, he also commented on what students could do in their part.

"Two things come to mind when it comes to the students. Focus on getting more and more engaged with their own studies. Take more and more ownership of it.

"And to that, [students] need to focus on iFalcon (focus, advance, link up, comprehend, organize, and new ideas).

"The other thing [students] need to concentrate on is joining the academic community by using the academic support services that we have here in the Success Center by getting together and studying in groups, by staying on campus and joining clubs. That's very important for successive students," he said.

In Reece's presentation, he said the economy did not make a difference in students' study habits.

Debra Moore, Faculty Senate president, gave her thoughts about the presentations and the student success rate.

"I think it is very encouraging that a lot of our departments are showing increased student success, I think we want to keep moving in that direction.

"[Reece] touched on what's working right, so we could do more of that. But we all want to do better so we can bring our scores up. So I'm encouraged, but I know that there is more to do."

Cerritos College President

Linda Lacy opened up Convocation addressing the current budget issues that the state is facing.

She also introduced 22 new faculty members of the college.



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Moving on up: Dean of Academic Success and Institutional Effectiveness Bryan Reece leads an address during Thursday's convocation. His address included announcing an 80 percent school success increase.

Former student Lopez's efforts make an impact on the entire campus

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Megalis Lopez has had a bond with Cerritos College since her days as a student when she walked the same halls that she now gives so much of her time and effort.

She worked three jobs, and was a full-time student during her tenure as a student on campus.

That effort has paid off by being named the Classified Employee of the Month, followed by a job promotion.

Promoted shortly after receiving the Classified Employee of the Month honor, she was recently elevated to the position of Liberal Arts Divisional Secretary from her previous staff position of Intermediate Typist Clerk.

English professor Steve Clifford expressed his feelings about Lopez's promotion.

"We were all really happy to hear that she was going to be the new secretary clerk for the division. We all very much depend on her for our class scheduling, flex forms as well as variety of additional administrative tasks."

Lopez graduated from Cerritos in 2001 with an Associate's of Arts degree in general education followed by transferring to Cal State Dominguez Hills, where she graduated with her Bachelor's of Arts in Sociology.

She also worked as an adult hourly employee for the Student Services department, and also met the man who would become her husband on the campus of Cerritos as well.

Lopez commented on her

Classified Employee of the Month accomplishment and promotion, saying, "It takes a lot of focus and detail. It's always good to have a challenge. It's always good to master it [a task] and feel like, yes, I did it. It's always good to get better, so I am very, very pleased and happy that I was able to be promoted."

While the duties of the new job title carry much more work and responsibilities, the exact same character-driven traits, which led to her promotion, also drive her to continue to go the extra mile when helping people.

Some of the new job responsibilities include, but are not limited to, handling the separate payrolls for the divisional staff employees and faculty, scheduling for the instructors, paperwork for the division and the overlooking and compiling of the curriculum needs for the division.

Division Clerk Jeanne Harmon commented on what it is like working with Lopez from a professional perspective.

Harmon said, "I started working with her in early July of this year and it has been a perfect balance for me in collaborating with her to help this division run as smoothly as possible. I wouldn't enjoy my work as much as I do without her."

Lopez credits her professional success to her spirituality as well as to her husband. She commented on how her spirituality has assisted her.

"Faith makes you flourish and it gives you a different perspective in your life. It gives you a different appreciation and respect, and I take pride in the work that I do every day, being a mother, and I really ap-

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PATRICK DOLLY/TM

Award winner: Newly-promoted Liberal Arts Divisional Secretary Megalis Lopez going over payroll for the departments. Lopez recently won Classified Employee of the Month.

Cerritos College transfers struggle to get in to CSU Long Beach and Fullerton

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Due to the increase in impacted programs, schools now have to use means of bias to choose which applicants should be accepted.

According to the Counseling, Research and Planning, and Public Affairs departments, for the fall 2010 term, only 14 Cerritos College transfers were admitted

to Cal State Fullerton.

As the years have passed, the acceptance rate from community colleges has steadily decreased.

Cal State Long Beach's Institutional Research and Assessment showed that from 2007, when 61.3 percent of Cerritos College students who applied to CSULB were accepted,

to the fall of 2010, when a mere 21 percent were admitted.

Universities are also requiring higher standards for Cerritos transfer students, such as CSUF requiring a GPA of 3.7 as opposed to a 2.0 GPA for local area students in the fall of 2010.

Similarly, CSULB required a 3.5 GPA for Cerritos students and 2.0 for those in the local area.

The raised GPA is directly proportional to the California budget cuts for Cal States.

Because of the impacted majors and lack of funding, the universities are con-

tinually raising the standards for out of area students to cut some of the competition.

According to Megan Conley, from Admissions and Records at CSUF, the only way to increase a student's chances of admittance is to meet the GPA requirement for that semester.

"We look at the school where you obtained most of your classes. If your GPA does not meet the requirements, you

should apply for a University where you qualify for local area priority with the lower GPA requirement," Conley said.

Based on the statistics from the Cerritos College Transfer Center, there is about a 15 percent advantage for local area admissions priority

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Homecoming applications now available
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Homecoming season began Monday when Homecoming Court/Queen and float applications began to be available to the Cerritos students.

“This year’s theme is Old Time Rock and Roll, specifically from the 1940s to 1950s eras,” Holly Bogdanovich, director of student activities, said.

“We are currently accepting applications (for the floats). It hasn’t even been an hour since the applications been available, and most of them are gone.

“We take up to two clubs on the wait list, so, if any club wants a float, turn the application in as soon as possible.”

Student arrested for petty theft

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A Cerritos College student was arrested on accusations of petty theft of a textbook from the bookstore on Sept. 12 at approximately 9:40 a.m., according to Campus Police Chief Richard Buckowiecki.

Andres Alegria, bookstore sales associate, observed the student that police identified as Ricardo Duran walking out of the bookstore with a technology textbook concealed under his shirt.

“He was walking out [of the store] and he beeped, he had no bags in hand,” he said, “I immediately saw the front of his shirt. There was an outline of a book under his shirt.”

Meeting held for tournament

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The first Inter Club Council Tournament will be take place Thursday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A mandatory meeting was held on Thursday regarding the Tournament that is being sponsored by the iFalcon Club. One of the speakers that went over a few rules was Raquel Ramirez, math major and event coordinator for the iFalcon Club.

“We made it mandatory for at least one officer from each club to help set up cause its going to be a big event prior to the actual event,” she said.

The meeting was held to address any questions that the participating clubs might have from checking into the point system.



Donating in between classes: Administration of justice major Kelly Willis takes time in between classes to donate blood to the Red Cross of America. The blood drive will take place until Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Students gave a high turnout for the first two days of the fall semester’s Red Cross Blood Drive. “I wanted to help save lives. It was a little [nerve-racking] waiting, but if you know what the cause is for it’s all good.”

This was administration of justice major Kelly Willis’ thoughts of the process.

The American Red Cross travels the country providing opportunities for blood donors to donate blood.

Nicholas Samaniego, spokesman for the American Red Cross, spoke about the difference between donating to the Red Cross compared to one of the other blood donation centers.

“Giving blood is one of the

most personal and most rewarding experiences that most people can go through. To know that a part of you is going to touch the lives of several people with one donation.”

Samaniego went on to say, “Along with touching up to three different lives with one donation, you are supporting one of the most trusted and recognized symbols in the world in working with the American Red Cross.”

Students expressed a wide variety of reasons for why they chose to donate blood. Statistics major Dike Ezenekwe explained his reason for donating.

“I was in line yesterday, but I had to go home, so I just came back today so I can give blood.

Initially, it was for the free food but then you see how many lives you’re impacting, which is what it’s all about.”

The Red Cross is looking to rebound from a less than favorable summer in which donations were much lower than expected.

Currently, the Red Cross has approximately a few hours worth of certain blood types for the entire Southern California area, but needs about seven days of blood supply to meet a need in case of unexpected events.

Officials of the Red Cross expect for Cerritos College to collect over 350 pints of blood this week alone, which

will help the overall blood supply, and equals almost 1000 lives in community hospitals.

“Giving blood is one of the most personal and most rewarding experiences that most people can go through.”
—NICHOLAS SAMANIEGO
Spokesman for the American Red Cross

Transfers: CSUs react to impact

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students. According to the Counseling, Research and Planning and Public Affairs department, because of these down-sloping acceptance rates, Cerritos College is seeking to be included in the local service area for CSULB and CSUF.

One of the reasons for the low acceptance rates is because of the high level of impaction, universities are giving priority who colleges and high-schools within the local area admissions priority.

Cerritos College is about nine miles away from CSULB and 11 from CSUF. Despite the fact Cerritos College is not too far from either college, it is still not accepted as local area.

Study shows more students failing online classes

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Just as California’s community colleges add more online courses to their catalog, a new report from the Community College Resource Center has found that students are more likely to fail or drop out of online classes than from traditional classes.

The report found that online course completion rates were eight percentage points lower than those of traditional on-site classes.

“Most students don’t have the same motivation and they don’t have somebody keeping them on track like other students or the presence of the instructor,” Marilyn Brock, Executive Dean of Academic Affairs, said.

“Students sometimes look at online classes as ‘this is going to be easy.’ It’s the same amount of work and it’s the same course work. It’s just that they have to be disciplined to do it themselves. The student has to remember to go in and post to

the chat room, to do the assignment, to do all the things in their own time.”

A survey on the California Watch stated that of more than 9,000 California community college students who had withdrawn from online courses indicated that the top reason for dropping out was a personal challenge related to their family, health, job, or child care.

Online courses come with support at Cerritos College. The main support system a student can find is the instructor. Although it is an online class, every online class has it’s own instructor who can be reached for any type of question or assistance.

Business management major Teresa Gonzalez said, “My experience with my previous online class was not great. I had to make myself read the textbook in order to pass the class. I did learn a lot, but I would have to prefer to be in an actual classroom hearing a lecture, to learn the subject.--”

“I think the online classes work fine the way

they are. They are for students who like to work at their own pace. It only gets difficult if you would rather be in the classroom following instructions.”

Help can also be found for struggling students in the student Success Center found in the library, where tutoring sessions and work shops can be found.

Students are also encouraged to enroll in hybrid classes as a “middle of the road” position on traditional and online classes. Hybrid classes take place on-site as well as online.

The report suggested that community colleges do more to improve student learning in online formats and assessment testing, used to see if online courses are a good fit for the individual student, was one of the recommendations. Some online courses at Cerritos College actually have built in assessment that verifies if students are committed enough for the responsibility and instead suggests traditional classes if a student tests poorly.

Zumba Fitness is now open to students and faculty weekly

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Zumba Fitness had its opening week at the Cerritos College Student Center that started on Sept. 12 for students and faculty to experience the new integrated work-out program associated with the Pound by Pound program.

Zumba Fitness, which is latin-based, can incorporate anything from hip-hop, salsa and glutes exercises.

More than 50 people showed up to the first work-out class; the session started out with a soft pace of warming up with one-two step exercises that was led by two instructors, Judy Chan and kinesiology major from Cal State Fullerton Jennessa Chan.

“I was pleasantly surprised, the energy was good,” the elder Chan said, “it was a multi-level class. So that’s why we taught it a little bit differently.”

Both certified Zumba dance instructors, Judy Chan, who is an athletic instructor at Cerritos College, and her daughter sponsor the newly-adapted program

through the Student Health Services.

Art and design major, Demisha Inghram, felt that it was a way to express oneself and meet new people who are there for the same interest.

“I actually thought it was going to be challenging, but since the instructor taught slow at the beginning, I was able to get used to it,” Inghram said.

Jennessa states that staying healthy and active is a key promise to feeling better about exercising with Zumba Fitness, that in the end it will improve the well-being of people to a healthy lifestyle.

“I feel like now a days a lot people are focused on studying. But we need to also remember to focus on our health because in the long run, that’s what really matters.”

Cerritos College student and faculty can get a feel of Zumba Fitness one-hour session that takes place on Monday and Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. and also on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:50-7:50 a.m. in CE-4.



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Work it out: Janessa Chan (left) instructing students on a Zumba routine. Zumba Fitness is body sculpting movements with easy to follow dance steps to Latin and International music.

Lopez: Bringing warmth to Liberal Arts division

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-preciate having the opportunity to live a healthy life.

“I work hard and I make sure to be a positive person every day and I make sure to try to be the best at everything that I do because I feel that through my faith that, that’s what is expected of me.”

English department chair David Fabish commented on what Lopez brings to the department saying, “She is warm and efficient and is a delight to work with. She is able to anticipate what we need and is a wonderful asset.

Lopez is widely regarded in the English department as an asset. English department clerk Lynn Velez spoke on Lopez’s work ethic.

“She has a great work ethic. She’s a great leader; very professional and always puts work first, and she prides herself on the dedication of her work.”

The drive and passion that Lopez shows on a daily basis is a small part of why she was selected as employee of the month.

She is seen as a valuable asset around the entire division because of her positive attitude, extremely motivational work ethic, as well as her focus to detail.

Outside of her professional life, Lopez is also a married mother of four children. She met her husband on the campus of Cerritos while working in the Student Activities department as an adult hourly employee.

Along with her continued desire for professional success and spiritual growth, Lopez desires educational growth as well, and would like to one day return back to school.

•EDITORIAL•

Online students: buckle up

Online college courses are meant for students that are self-disciplined and are able to complete the class without the exception of procrastination and failure.

It is essential that a student in college who wants to take an on-line class control the priorities of getting all of the required curricula finished by the time of its due date.

There is no set time that establishes the pressure of having to attend a class meeting to turn in a homework assignment. But there is a regulation that must be put on oneself because of the fact that on-line classes are established as independent.

Being a responsible, organized adult is crucial to pass an online course without the fear of failing. With a greater sense of freedom from attending the traditional class, it's possible to fall behind.

However, when choosing to take a course that deals with online activity, the difficulty level of the subject does not subside.

Cerritos College students shouldn't believe that just because the option of a required class can be accomplished while in the comfort of their pajamas at home does not mean that there is a reason to feel that they can blow off any assignment or take it any less seriously

due to the working environment.

Reasons differentiate between students as to why they chose to take courses online.

For some students, it can be the schedule between work and having to manage other prime concerns that don't permit them to take the class at school.

A student can't deny the fact that being given an alternative from traditional classes can help prepare he or she as an independent individual who knows that he or she can complete an intricate course without the weekly, or even daily, lectures from an instructor.

Online courses are not a piece of cake, there is a lot of involvement and time taken away from social or work activity that has you sit down in front of a computer for two to maybe five hours a day to read and do all of the required projects and homework.

If students consider taking a class virtually, then start ignoring your Facebook account or any other social media site that takes up most of your time.

Once the decision is made to take a course that is not at school it means that the attitude of being in a classroom is an example when doing the work at home.



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The battle for social media dominance is firing up

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What's happening?

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This network allows virtually everybody to create their own newscast, and it is able to do so instantaneously.

If used properly, Twitter has the capability of being used as a marketing tool, so it is great for small businesses and even political figures because it allows you to promote yourself or your business.

Small businesses are also trying to market their product in the same way politicians are promoting their campaign.

Students simply want their voices heard and Twitter delivers to all.

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What's on your mind?

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Facebook is the best, most ingenious social media network since MySpace with its technological capabilities, it's no wonder a movie was made about it.

Facebook can connect people from Norwalk with people all the way in Nigeria. You can play games and post quotes, what you are doing, photos, and network.

Another great thing about Facebook is that it lets you personalize your security that limits who can see certain things on your profile.

Twitter might be faster, but everything you post can be read by anyone, other than direct messages.

Google Plus is more private and you can even separate your friends, family, and co-workers into different categories on things you talk about and post.

It's a mock version of Facebook. You have to set up a Gmail account to use it, which means if you do not have a Gmail, you have to create another email address to use it.

Cerritos College students specifically can benefit from having a Facebook over Twitter and Google Plus because they can stay connected with updates and news going on with the college as well as teachers and other students.

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Google Plus has achieved more than Facebook with the new circle opportunity, giving the ability of being able to share things with the people you want to share with.

Circles are offered in a more clear and visual way.

When, yet, Facebook and Twitter is a bit more complex.

Google Plus has many new things that Facebook nor twitter provide. It's a lot more professional, has many easier ways to share information and even to navigate.

Twitter can be private but then if someone re-tweets what you tweeted through text, then others can view it and the privacy isn't covering you there.

Photoshop in Google for your images picnic-style helps create effects in your images.

The ability of being able to add info to the profile pop-up is an ability that isn't provided on neither Facebook nor on Twitter.

But it can inform your future friends to know it's actually you and not someone else, and it also provides a little more information.

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Forming clay into a practice of creativity and passion



Inspired characters: Jeffrey Reyes, mathematics major, attaches an arm to his sculpture that is he trying to make into Bowser, the villain from Super Mario Brothers. This is one of the many formations a student can do with ceramics.

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Monica Bravoderveda, undecided major, is among 90 students at Cerritos College who are studying the artistry behind ceramics.

“As you start feeling the clay at your finger tips, it sort of just starts talking to you and it says this is what I kind of want to be,” she said.

“Of course, you have control of it because it’s your thought, your vision, but a lot of the times you’re surprised by the outcome because the way clay is so flexible and moldable.”

Bravoderveda, a native of Peru, likes to shape sculptures incorporating her feelings and ideas inspired from ancient Peruvian art, or from objects in the world around her.

“Once you really connect with the clay it never lets you down,” Bravoderveda said.

“Through life, we all go through our ups and downs,” Bravoderveda explained, “and this medium has definitely become an outlet for me to express my feelings.”

Ed Zimmerman, undecided major, is a 15-year practitioner of ceramics.

He has made numerous objects that are functional and others that are purely in appreciation of the art.

However, Zimmerman finds himself going back to making decorated plates.

“The decoration process is where I spend the most of the creativity. I just start out with a loose idea, I tend to make marks then I play off those marks, until I build the surface the way I want it.”

Zimmerman was born into a family of artists. His parents were painters and his sister currently teaches art in Missouri.

With an inherited interest in art, Zimmerman exhausted all available water col-

oring and drawing classes.

He then stumbled into ceramics because it was the only thing left. Zimmerman would come to find out that he would end up staying with ceramics.

Steven Portigal, ceramics professor, said, “If students really want to do this, I certainly would encourage them, but they need to be aware that this may not offer the greatest financial security.”

He also added that students have the opportunity to pursue higher education of the craft to become an instructor at any level.

Cerritos College offers the Ceramics Program, which examines the history and art of ceramics for art majors, enthusiasts and students who can fulfill the general education requirement for a degree.

Students will create various shapes, cups, bowls and vases, to include a final project that challenges students to create a type of pottery that tells a story about modern culture.

“The results are quite fascinating and impressive,” Portigal said.



Studying creativity: Nora Chen, undecided major, carves a design into a decorative bowl she is working on. Chen said it will take her all day.



Precise shaping: Ron Feese, undeclared major, trims clay for a project to make a cylinder. Feese, a third semester ceramics student, said he is trimming the excess clay to make his completed project lighter in weight.

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Life in ceramics: John Stratton, undecided major, shapes wet clay into a bowl using the potter’s wheel. Stratton has been practicing ceramics off-and-on for the last 25 years.

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Mobile News

Scan to view slideshow of students working with ceramics

<http://bit.ly/o5uq9s>



Lighting up the room: Photography major Jessica Figueroa is enrolled in the studio lighting course that is only offered every three years. She examines her negatives by using a light box to see if the photo is exposed or if it’s clear.

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Studio Lighting offers techniques for all those who want to take the challenge

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Approaches to Studio Lighting, which is open for enrollment once every three years, has attracted many students from Cerritos College since the last time taught during Spring of 2008, according to instructor Ed Heckerman.

The class attracted many students around Cerritos, from veteran to beginners, and Heckerman is glad that room capacity is full with 26 students enrolled since it started.

With high hopes this semester, Heckerman said, “Students really like this class because they learn how to do a lot with a little and I expect this class to still continue.”

He added that during the course of the semester, they will examine a variety of approaches to studio lighting, including: copy stand work, photographing metal with a light tent and also learning special set-ups

for glass, including emphasizing.

A student taking Approaches to Studio Lighting is Janet Rivas, art photography major.

She explains that so far the class looks pretty great to her, and she is interested on learning more about studio lighting.

Rivas said, “I think this class is great, even though it only occurs every so often.

“He focuses on studio lighting and how it could be used in different ways.”

Rivas also added that the class is a good chance for a photographer to learn more about photography.

She said that Heckerman is a good instructor with expertise and is looking forward to getting the information from him to learn more about studio lighting.

Another student also enrolled is photography major Jessica Figueroa.

She explains that it’s her first time in the class, adding, “I am using this studio class to perfect my portrait shots.

“I am a cosmetologist and my main focus is being able to capture the true beauty in front of the lens.”

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Cheering up the crowd: Freshman Gesselle Arevalo (left) and Yvette Pacheco (right) are cheering at the Cerritos College football game against Long Beach City College on Saturday. Both members of the Cerritos College cheer team are in the first year with the Falcons.

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Cheerleaders keep their spirits up

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Short skirts, pom poms and peppy spirits are what most people think of when they see a cheerleader, but what people don't see are the long hard hours the squad puts in every day to perfect the cheers, freshman Ceaser Castillo expressed.

It's 30 minutes until practice and more than half the squad is already on the field practicing its moves.

Head coach James "Chip" Austin and assistant coach Liz Rohrmoser enter the stadium and the team's attention automatically

shifts to them as the coaches set up for practice.

Incoming freshman Gesselle Arevalo said, "Chip and Liz really know how to control their set of kids, they don't let anyone step all over them."

The team consists of 42 cheerleaders and only two are returning members.

Rohrmoser feels that the squad this year has a lot of heart and passion for what it does and is very dedicated to achieve.

Even though the squad is considered an athletic team and is required to meet the academic standard of any other athlete, it does not receive the same benefits as the

other athletic teams on campus do.

"Other colleges around here, like at Mount San Antonio College, (the cheerleaders) have priority registration and we do not," Austin said.

Austin adds that the team lost half its members to Los Angeles Harbor and East Los Angeles Colleges due to the fact that the members could not obtain the nine to 12 units that are required to join the team.

He adds, that the team had priority registration when the program was first formed and then was relinquished in the late 1990s.

Castillo feels that the cheerleaders should have the same opportu-

nity to see the athletic counselors and should also have priority registration since they do provide an important service to the school.

Arevalo also feels that they should also receive the same benefits that the other athletes receive but understand that with the budget cuts it will probably not happen anytime soon.

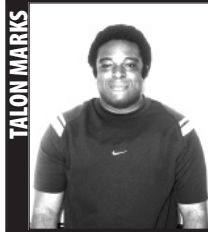
The team has not been able to compete since 2006, due to members not being able to get the classes they need, according to Austin.

"We can't commit to a competition if the school can't commit to my kids getting classes.

"There's a lot of factors that play into being a cheerleader."

Cheerleaders should share same benefits as other teams on campus

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ball game, but they do not get priority enrollment unless they have been at the school long enough.

The only significant privilege that cheerleaders gets is that they get a free ride to the away games that they are cheering at and that isn't even a big deal.

Is this fair for that the cheerleaders don't get the same chances that every other team gets?

No, it is absolutely not fair.

It is only fair to give each and every team on campus the same privileges, because it's only the right to include everyone in the equation; especially since the ones who are left out are the ones who have arguably the most school spirit of all students.

Leaving a team like cheerleading out of the equation is like leaving the peanut butter out of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich; it just does not make sense.

If the school is not going to give the privileges to one sports team, then they should not give any team on campus privileges.

No matter how you look at this situation, it will never seem like a fair deal.

Someone needs to step up and give the rights to the team, even if there is a budget issue that all schools face.

Cheerleaders have to practice, travel with the football team, and have to wear a very pricey uniform like the rest of the Cerritos College athletic teams.

Since that's the case, cheerleaders deserve to get every ounce of privileges as any other student athlete gets at any college campus.

Athletes at college campuses get many privileges. For example, priority enrollment over many students on campus.

Also, actual student athletes don't have to pay much, if any, for the equipment that the school provides to them.

While Cheerleaders are not given uniforms, they either have to pay out of their own pocket or fundraise.

Even though cheerleaders are athletes, they don't get nearly as much privileges as everyone else does.

In fact, being a college cheerleader may be more difficult a task than being tossed 15-feet in the air.

Like other athletes, cheerleaders have to be a full-time student, but sadly, they don't get the same opportunity to get 12 or more units.

The team is at every foot-

Freshmen Ku and Gabayeron shine for Falcons early in the season

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Improving its record to 8-1 this week by defeating Long Beach City College on Wednesday and then by going 3-1 in the Chaffey Tournament on Friday and Saturday, the women's water polo team felt satisfied going into the tournament after the first home victory against the Vikings.

Utility player Shelby Gleason scored two goals against the South Coast Conference team to help lead the Falcons to a 5-3 victory Wednesday.

"I feel pretty good (about scoring two goals), I'm just glad I contributed," she said.

Utility player Adriana Rodriguez also scored a goal.

Head coach Sergio Macias was satisfied

with the win and said, "It's always nice to beat Long Beach, our rivals. That's our goal every season."

Cerritos led 4-3 in halftime until attacker Katherine Gabayeron scored her second goal of the game in the third period to make the score 5-3.

"I feel good about the game, but I'm kind of disappointed in myself. I don't think I played that well, I think I could have done better," she said.

"I think it was the nerves because it was a big game against our rivals and the first game [against the conference]."

Gleason, who has 27 goals on the season, commented on the team's efforts to keep the lead in order to win.

"We just kept playing our game and never stopped."

Macias felt the team's defense helped the most during the victories over the weekend.

"I think our defense and our goalie (freshman Sharon Ku) had their confidence and had us feel comfortable, they helped keep us in the game," Macias said.

At the tournament, the Falcons defeated American River College 11-6, San Diego Mesa College 12-3, Santa Rosa College 20-2, but lost to Riverside Community College 1-10 in the second to last game of the tournament.

"It looks like it [the score] was a mismatch but I think our team felt that we were able to compete with the top teams and we can complete in a four quarter game which we were able to do against Riverside," he said.

He later described the bench players'

performance," They will put a lot more confidence throughout the season. So hopefully, if we play Riverside again, we'll be able to narrow down the gap."

Macias was pleased with both freshmen, Gabayeron and Ku.

After playing nine games, Gabayeron has 17 goals, 10 assists, and 15 steals.

Ku has 78 saves in nine games played for the Falcons.

Macias commented on the tournament, saying, "This will be an example of what it is going to be like when we get to the playoffs."

The Falcons have two conference opponents next on the schedule.

They will have a home game against Pasadena City College on Sept. 21 and an away game at Rio Hondo College on Sept. 28.

Both games will begin at 3 p.m.

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Volleyball drops three in San Diego

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The Cerritos College women's volleyball team only won one game out of four games at the San Diego Mesa Tournament Friday and Saturday.

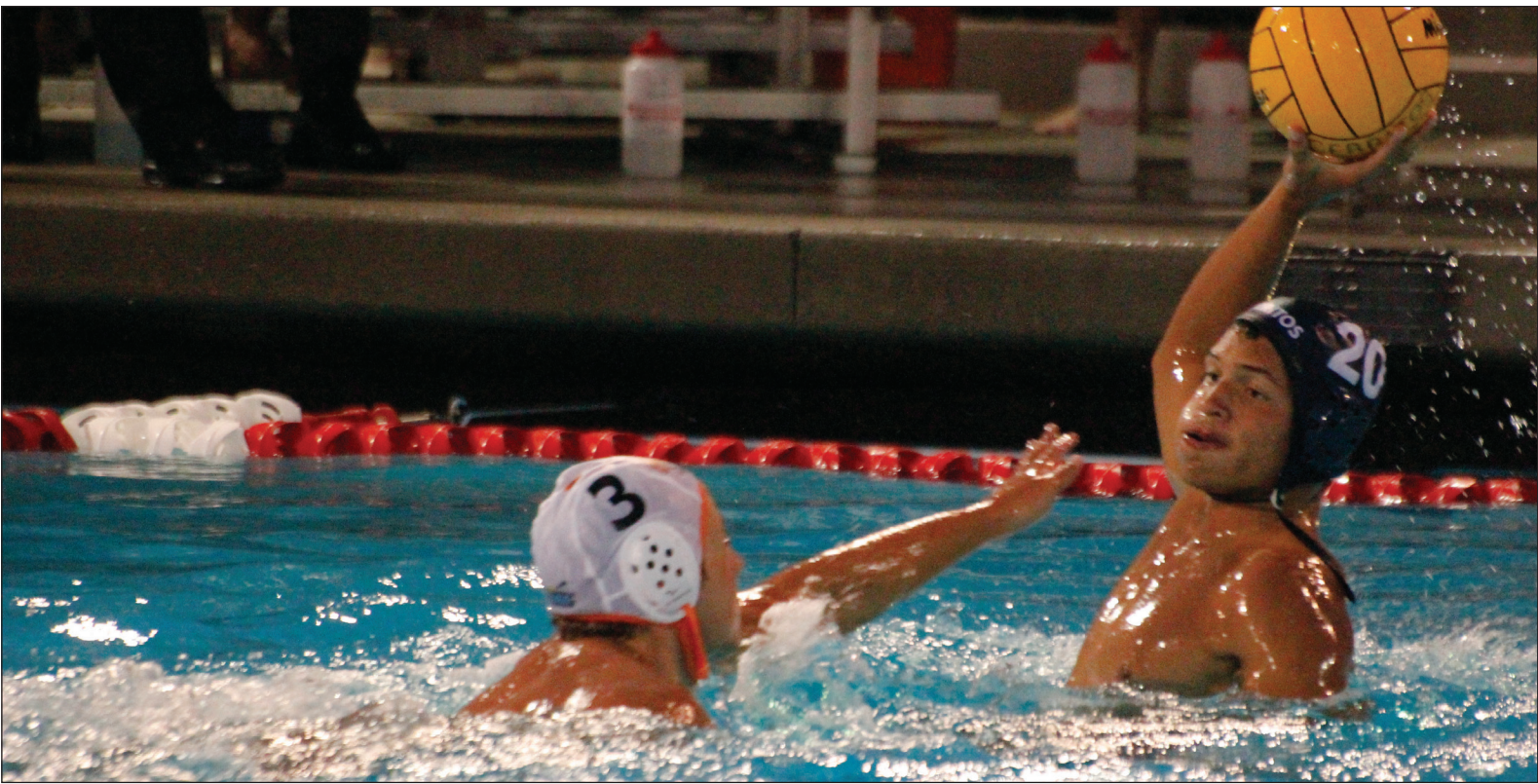
The Falcons lost against College of the Canyons (18-25, 15-25, 14-25), and Riverside College (18-25, 15-25, 15-25) on Friday.

Head Coach Teresa Velasquez-Ortega said, "We need to keep working hard. A lot of stuff we need to work on, serve-receive and our defense, that is the main thing we are going to work on this week."

Sophomore Aundrea Stovall said, "We went last year and we played okay, and this year I think we played better as a team. We still have certain things we need to work on, but overall I think it was a good experience for everybody."

The Falcons opened with a win against San Bernardino Valley College (17-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-19), followed by a loss against Glendale College (17-25, 23-25, 15-25) on Saturday.

Cerritos will travel to play Grossmont College on Wednesday at 5 p.m.



Shooting for the win: Freshman driver Juan Rivas reads the CalTech defense while looking to pass. The Falcons went on to win the game scoring a season-high of 14 points.

Falcons split doubleheader, beat CalTech

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The Cerritos College men's water polo team went 1-1 in Wednesday's doubleheader.

The Falcons lost in its first game to Long Beach City College with a score of 15-8.

The team came back and won its second game against NCAA Div. III opponent CalTech, with a score of 14-3.

In the first game on Wednesday, the squad lost it's starting goalie, freshman Michael Skinas, in the sixth minute of the game with an eye injury.

He was replaced by freshman

Isaiah Fairbanks.

He kept the score to 7-5, but it was not enough to stop the Vikings from pulling away with the lead in the second half.

Cerritos College coach Joe Abing made it a point that they needed to slow the Vikings down coming into this game.

"We kept it [close] the whole first three quarters ... we just let up and they pulled ahead," Isaiah Irvine, a Falcon driver said.

Abing said, "We wore down a little bit in the second half and they got some fast break opportunities on us."

Entering the game, LBCC coach Chris Oeding said, "They

are a very energetic team that moves a lot, and if you aren't willing to put forth the effort to play aware and movement-oriented defense, you run into trouble."

The team was led by sophomore utility Isaac Ogloblin, who had four goals for the Falcons.

"Our best field player is Ogloblin," Abing said.

The second game against CalTech was Cerritos' highest scoring game of the season.

The Falcons led by Ogloblin and sophomore driver Mario Ibarra, who both had a hat trick against CalTech.

Ogloblin scored his first three goals of the game within a record

five minutes of the first quarter.

Ibarra scored one goal in the first half, then scored his next two goals in the second half to help seal the win against CalTech.

Freshman utility players Joey Gonzalez and Derek Dodson both had a pair of second half goals.

Gonzalez scored his second goal off an assist from sophomore driver Miguel Torres in the 29th minute of the fourth quarter.

The Falcons will prepare for the San Diego Mesa Tournament, which will take place on Thursday and Friday.

Football gets first win of the season

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Cerritos College sophomore quarterback Brandon Denker threw a school-record-tying six touchdowns against the Long Beach City College Vikings on Saturday, giving the Falcons the 53-34 win and retention of the annual Crosstown Cup.

The Falcons jumped out to a 31-0 lead at the half before holding off a surge by the Vikings.

The Falcons move up to 1-2 on the year, while the Vikings drop to 0-3.

LBCC Head Coach Mike Reisbig was infuriated at his team's ability to contain the Falcons' offense while it was running up the score at the end of the game.

"We sucked," he said, angrily. "It's not their job to stop scoring, it's our job to stop that garbage."

Cerritos will host West Los Angeles College on Saturday at Falcon Stadium. Last season, the Falcons defeated West L.A. 44-7 behind a 200-yard, four-touchdown passing performance by former quarterback Kane Wilson.

Head Coach Frank Mazzotta declined to comment on the team's victory.

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