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Open for business: Students gather at cash registers to purchase their supplies and books for classes. The project was undertaken with an emphasis on making students more comfortable in the store, which included new carpets and new coats of paint.

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Bookstore hosts its re-opening

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Invested under the contract with the eFollett Bookstore Corporation, the Cerritos College Bookstore has undergone a renovation after many years of serving its students.

A ceremony for the re-opening of the student bookstore was held on Sept. 21.

Cerritos College President Linda Lacy, ASCC President Jasmine Ramirez and Regional Manager and Vice President of the eFollett Higher Education Group Jay Zawski were all involved in cutting the ribbon at the ceremony.

Cerritos College Bookstore Manager Robin Lee talked about the new upgrades that took place for the tile, new carpets, new coats of paint, and the reorganization of the entire store in pursuit of making it more customer friendly, and providing more

space to bring in more products than ever before.

"It was a bumpy road for the renovation, it took probably about two to three weeks that we were closed for the whole renovation," Lee said.

New supplies requested by instructors are now available for the benefit of the students' development in their classes.

"It's much more convenient. Now, instead of having to go off somewhere out of campus and find what they are looking for," Lee said.

"[Students] could come straight to the bookstore and they know that we'll have what their instructors are actually requesting."

The planning of the renovation took up to a year, due to out-of-state coordinating with the eFollett Bookstore group.

Lacy also explains how they decided on completing this project so that the store could attract

the students and customer in providing them with a comfortable environment.

She likes the idea that it is much more open and easier to navigate in finding supplies, and it convenes the student who is always in a rush.

After six years at Cerritos College, animation major Bianca Perez believes that the bookstore looks more organized after the renovation.

She said she also feels pleased with the new supplies that the store now provides.

Culinary arts major Anthony Bañuelos noticed the change of space in the bookstore.

"They separated everything, so that everything is where it needs to be," Bañuelos said.

"They did a good job in designing the interior."

Teaching major Genierie Quiñones said she didn't really notice that the bookstore had undergone renovations.

Bookstore Hours

Monday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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New Facilities Master Plan calling for more renovations

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The "fragmentary memory" of the current Fine Arts Building, set for demolition in 2016, will live on in the form of a sound sculpture.

"They will be able to take that memory with them," James MacDevitt, art history instructor and director and curator of the Cerritos College Art Gallery, said, "and provide it a new kind of life in the newly-designed fine arts complex."

Demolitions, renovation and construction of buildings will take place on campus from 2012 to 2016, according to the Cerritos College Facilities Master Plan, which could be approved as early as November.

The sound sculpture from the Cerritos College Art Gallery Courtyard was designed with the upcoming demolition in mind to be removable from the courtyard.

"As of right now, very few people are even aware of the fact that the sound that they hear emanating from the sculpture is actually a score that was directly taken by translating the panels of the (current) fine arts complex into pitches, into sounds," MacDevitt said.

"If nothing else, it becomes an object of conversation that will allow an opportunity to reflect on what we've had before and what we have now."

Sept. 21 was the first time the Board of Trustees heard about the new Facilities Master Plan, which is made possible through a General Obligation Bond of \$210 million, of which \$39 million remains to finish projects.

The Facilities Master Plan Committee, which is made up of administrators, staff, classified employees, faculty and students, worked on the new plan for about a year, according to Cerritos College President Linda Lacy.

The plan was approved by the committee unanimously, then it was presented before the Board of Trustees on Sept. 21, with a public presentation set to follow on an undetermined day in October before facing the Board again in November, when it can be adopted formally.

"I'm very excited about it, I think it's a great plan. I see us moving forward with some good projects."

"We actually got a building out of this by being smarter," Lacy said. She explained that the Computer Information Systems and Mathematics building, which will be built in place of the current technology

building, was worked into the plan by planning smarter and utilizing less "swing space."

Swing space is needed as a result of closing down a building, leading to modifications of existing buildings that suit departments in need of classrooms during construction.

For example, in the first phase of the plan, the Physical Science building and Technology building will each be renovated, allowing business education classes and CIS classes to move into them each, respectively.

This will allow the business education building to be demolished in July 2012. A liberal arts building, featuring new offices for Disabled Student Programs and Services, will then be constructed in its place, expected for completion in October 2013.

The DSPS operations on campus are currently split into two office locations, one at the headquarters at the Santa Barbara building and the other in an office just north of the Food Court and west of the Game Room.

Lucinda Aborn, dean of Disabled Student Programs and Services, said that the new offices will combine the locations into one center and will allow them to be more effective and efficient for students.

"They'll have a one-stop where they need to go to get everything; get their training, see their counselor, get set up for the next semester, ask questions, where as now they have to go from one office to the other and bounce back and forth."

She said that the project is long overdue, noting that the disabled student population is ever-increasing, growing between 4 and 8 percent each year.

"We have been needing additional space for a long time now, so it can't come soon enough," Aborn said.

Vice President of Business Services and Assistant Superintendent David El Fattal said it's great that the new Master Plan uses less swing space.

"Because when you have to renovate buildings for swing space, basically what you're doing is you're putting money into the buildings to be used ... for a short period of time," El Fattal said, "and in the end those swing space facilities are going to be demolished, after a new building is built."

"The ideal thing is, not to have to have any swing space at all ... you can do that when you have no facilities at all, and you're starting from

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Administrators set to attend ribbon-cutting for new PST building

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Cerritos College President Linda Lacy, along with Board of Trustees Vice President Bob Arthur, and Instructional Dean of Science, Engineering and Mathematics Carolyn Chambers will be presenting the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Physical Science and Technology building on Oct. 5, at 4 p.m.

Lacy said, "It's nice when you get a chance to finally open something you watched being built for a couple of years."

During the ceremony, a dedication of the foyer presented by John Boyle and Sue Parsons will be made to honor C. Dean Paige, a former dean of the SEM division who passed away last year.

A plaque in the foyer will also be unveiled in remembrance of Paige, whose tenure with Cerritos began in 1964.

Tours will be given of the building after the ceremony.

Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Marilyn Brock said, "The campus was originally built in the mid 1950s and some of the old buildings are some of the original 1950s buildings on campus and we have local bond dollars and state bond dollars to rebuild the campus."

The G.O. Bond, which was passed by voters, approved certain buildings that were in need of reconstruction due to classrooms being outdated and too small to fit the courses the classroom instructs.

Lacy said there was a "punch list" to make sure minor things were taken care of to ensure

the building was ready for opening.

"There were still things going on in the building that needed to be modified like a wiring situation in the architecture room," she said.

Lacy also said that the other reason why the opening of the Physical Science and Technology building was postponed was, "There are a lot of things happening at the beginning of the semester, we wanted to wait until everything settled down."

The Physical Science and Technology building will house classrooms for physical science, technology and a few mathematics courses.

Plans for the campus' reconstruction project have been made for other buildings such as the Fine Arts and Mathematics building to be remodeled within the next 18 months.



VICTOR DIAZ/TM

Let's get physical: The Physical Science and Technology opened for use during the summer session. The foyer will be dedicated to C. Dean Paige, a former SEM dean.

Facilities: Cerritos Master Plan leads to wave of campus changes

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scratch. But when you're building buildings within an existing campus, that becomes difficult and problematic."

He elaborated, saying that there are multiple factors that must be considered throughout the process.

"The new Master Plan utilizes less swing space because there's less of a need for swing space the way the new buildings have been sequenced to come on board, so it's an effective way of building our next few buildings. Effective and efficient."

By 2014, the new Liberal Arts building, which currently has been officially designed, and a new Child Development Center will be built, including the transition of each department's faculty, staff and students.

The old Liberal Arts building will be renovated for CIS by April 2014.

The Technology building and Facilities and Purchasing Warehouse will be demolished in July 2014.

If all goes as planned, the new Fine Arts building will fill up the parking lot south of the location of the current Child Development center, and the CIS and Math building will take up the Technology building space, both complete by November 2015.

The Facilities Master Plan also proposed larger-scale campus changes for the future, including a "gateway" building.

Lacy described the gateway building as good for students, saying it would be like a front door to

a home: welcoming and accessible.

"You can find everything you need to do; you need admissions, you need counseling, you need financial aid and your bookstore. You have all those services right there," Lacy said. "It's that gateway, literally, to the college."

Aborn said that there were two factors relating to the placement of the new DSPS offices, saying it had to do with the proximity of the offices to the administration quad, allowing the students increased accessibility to those services, and secondly that being on the first floor helps students access other classrooms.

"If [students had] to take a test or get their notes or even pick up brailled materials, they're on their way to class, it makes it convenient for them being close to the classroom activities, that they might have support services from us," Aborn said.

MacDevitt expressed sadness at the nature of the changes to the campus.

"I'm somewhat saddened to have to lose some of these iconic buildings because they have, for so long, defined the landscape of this location.

"But ever since this campus was constructed, those buildings have stood guard over our educational heritage," he said.

"And knocking them down and forgetting about them is on a certain level very tragic, and on another level very optimistic and hopeful that what comes in to replace them is better-suited to contemporary educational models and better-suited to the needs of our students."

The project manager for the bond program at Cerritos College is Tilden-Coil Constructors, who was recently recognized as the 2011 Business of the Year by the Riverside Chamber of Commerce.



Clubs compete in balloon tag: The final four clubs were playing balloon tag to determine the winner of the first-ever Inter Club Council Tournament on Thursday. The Leo Lion Club would be the winners of the tournament.

Leo Lions Club capture the first-ever ICC Tournament

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The Inter Club Council presented its first-ever competition of games for Cerritos College club members Sept. 22 at 11:30 a.m., which was located on the Fitness Field.

Amna Jara, coordinator of student activities, said that first-place winner was Leo Lions Club.

The second-place winner Music Club and the third-place was the Student Veterans Club.

The ICC tournament presented music from the broadcasting club and games like balloon tossing and a three-legged race. Snacks and drinks were also sold at the event.

Fernando Cruz Jr., audio engineering ma-

jor, also known as DJ Tektonix, attended the event and entertained with his music performance.

He explained that he feels good to see other clubs attending the event and competing to win the scholarship.

"It shows how much our students care for their education and future," he said.

Cruz also said, "I'm just here providing music for the students that are competing."

He added that he was exposed to many clubs from around campus he didn't know about.

Representing Kinesiology Club was Wymna Heck, exercise science major, who also competed for the scholarship that she described as a great idea for Thursday's tournament.

"I was actually looking forward to win-

ning the scholarship for Kinesiology Club," Heck said.

She also added that the tournament is a good way for clubs to interact with each other.

ICC Representative Michael Inman, kinesiology major, explained that it's a lot of fun and a good way to get to know other people and clubs.

He also said, "Being able to network and help each other communicate and compete is good for Cerritos College."

He added that he was running for the Kinesiology Club and said, "I thought Kinesiology Club had the water balloon challenge [won], but we tied for second place."

Jara said that the tournament will probably be played again next fall 2012.

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Students take advantage of Success Center

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More and more Cerritos College students are electing to take advantage of some of the many services that the Cerritos administration offers to students to ensure student success. One of the most popular is the Student Success Center.

While the success center has gone by different names over the years, and has also moved to different locations on campus, it has been a viable option for many years.

The success center, which was originally named the academic support center, and was limited to math, and additional subjects based on demand, now offers all types of math tutoring as well as language, reading, and writing tutoring as well.

Once an untapped resource, the success center has begun to be utilized by students in need of tutoring, workshops, as well as those seeking quiet time to study.

Many of the student success center faculty also attends Cerritos College as students as well.

Journalism major Andy Mendizabal, who also serves as an instructional aide for the math portion of the student success center commented on the goal of the program.

“The goal is to make sure that students know that they have somewhere to go to get help. No one should ever say that they did not know where they could get help at, or there was no help available because we are here,” Mendizabal said.

The success center averages anywhere from 20 to 40 students at a time.



ENRIQUE RIVERA/TM
Learning from the master: Tae Kwon Do Instructor Vicmar Coliflores teaching students new Tae Kwon Do moves. Cerritos College offers Tae Kwon Do classes for the first time this semester.

Tae Kwon Do kicks off this semester

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Cerritos College is offering Fall a Tae Kwon Do class for the first time this semester.

Being that this is the first time and a developing class, the Tae Kwon Do program holds a minor problem.

The students start as white belts, and if they pass the class they move on to yellow belt.

Cerritos College is one of two community colleges offering a Tae Kwon Do program in the local area, the other being Mira Costa College.

Coliflores' main goal is to grow the program and make it transfer-

able to the four-year universities.

“It basically focuses on the World Tae Kwan Do Federation type of system,” Coliflores said.

If an intermediate class is not added by next semester, the students who are promoted as yellow belts will have to retake the class and share it with new white belts.

“Based on the economy, [the physical education department] going to hold the intermediate and advance for now,” Coliflores said.

He continued with, “But what I would like to do is, take the students that are with me now and then add them to the students that are enrolling for the next semester: this will be an opportunity for them to be an example for the new students.”

Coliflores is a fifth degree black belt of Tae Kwon Do and a physical education fitness expert with a cumulative study length of 30 years.

Nursing major Marilyn Fernandez enjoys Coliflores' way of teaching.

“He's really good at teaching everything, if we don't get it, we can always ask him and he'll explain how to do it,” she said.

Coliflores does not expect much but desire and courage out of his students.

“The only thing I really expect out of [the students] is to be passionate, I don't expect perfection with their technique,” Coliflores said.

Radio, television, and film major, Jaime Rob Flores explained

what he has learned from the class so far.

“It's not just about physical fitness, you're going ahead and self improving.”

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General Motors visit Cerritos College, students test drive

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General Motors gave Cerritos College students a chance to test drive two of its newest vehicles that are 100 percent electric.

Students flooded into Northwood University on the Cerritos campus to get a first-hand look and feel for the 2012 Chevy Volt and the Chevy Equinox.

Martin Supple, instructor for Introduction to Electric Vehicles, believes it is importance for students to get the experience of driving the vehicles.

“It is very important because a lot of the elements of these cars will be going into future cars.”

He also wanted to change the misconception that his students

had about the vehicle being slow.

“The vehicles can provide the same luxuries other cars can,” he said.

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International Student Association tea time celebrates Mexico



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Learning about a new heritage: Santiago Zuniga, public relations major, (left) teaching members of the International Students Association a traditional Mexican dance. ISA held its first International tea time on Wednesday.

CERRITOS COLLEGE
News BRIEFS

Homecoming meeting Thursday

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There will be a meeting for all homecoming court candidates on Sept. 29 at 11:30 a.m. at room BK 111.

The rules and regulations for homecoming will be presented to the candidates. The candidates will also have their photo taken for the valet.

“We will be giving information to the girls and explaining to them what homecoming is,” Director of Student Activities Holly Bogdanovich said.

Bike thefts increase on campus

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Reports of on-campus bicycle thefts have increased since the start of the fall semester and according to Cerritos College Chief of Police, Richard Bukowiecki, students may not be able to do anything other than invest in better locks.

He explained that the process of a student retrieving his bicycle to a person stealing one; it is so similar that someone may be witness to a theft three-feet away, without any knowledge of the event.

“There has been a rise in bicycle thefts on campus because unfortunately, it is a really easy item to steal,” Bukowiecki said, “the process of stealing a bicycle is almost like a student retrieving one.”

New ASCC cabinet members approved

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The Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate approved 23 students to the presidential cabinet during a meeting on Sept. 21.

The remaining cabinet positions are to be approved during the next meeting.

The appointed commissioners and assistant commissioners will be responsible for managing student activities, services, any legislation affecting students, and for improving student life at Cerritos College.

“The ones we selected have the energy and capacity to serve the students,” Julian Del Real-Calleros, vice president for the ASCC said.

“I think they're great and we want the best students to represent the student body.”

EDITORIAL
Repealing is the first step

The forefathers of this country may not exactly have had the laws in mind to protect those individuals who are homosexual, but with prejudice acts not being acceptable anymore, changes had to be made.
'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is the policy that stopped military personnel from discriminating against or harassing homosexual service members and applicants, while barring openly gay and lesbian people from military service completely.
As a result, more than 13,000 homosexual soldiers were discharged during the time of DADT's 18-year span, according to a article from the Associated Press in August.
It was the official United States policy on homosexuals serving in the military and as of Sept. 20, it is no longer active, which is one step in the right direction for homosexuals.
Without a doubt, gay rights activists have gained achievements worldwide and the overall tolerance of homosexuality continues to grow.
DADT proved to be somewhat of a burden because homosexuals feel no one should have to hide their sexual preference.
What Americans have wanted since the nation's existence is the pursuit of happiness, and with happiness comes wanting more in addition to what was already gained.
One example that this idea of human life has been around since

the writing of the constitution, is the writing from the English philosopher and physician John Locke.
Locke wrote in his 1693 book, 'An Essay Concerning Human Understanding,' 'The highest perfection of intellectual nature lies in a careful and constant pursuit of true and solid happiness.'
That shows that it is built in the very genes of anyone who has had privileges or anything more then needs.
Also, similar to all the other equal rights movements; not one has officially been resolved yet, but none are really in a position of oppression anymore.
The ability to be able to openly have more options when it comes to declaring is something that not everyone in the world has or even thinks about.
On top of that, protesting and challenging the laws would be a blasphemous thought, if punishment were to be enforced by our country.
Being thankful that the opposition is often not the government, but other citizens, really puts things in perspective.
In this country, majority rules and the only reason why some of the 'injustices,' haven't been made yet, is because those activist haven't found an effective way to present their problem.



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Christians on campus need to ease off of students

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It is often argued that opinions are like armpits, everybody has them. However, when does an opinion go from a personal belief to an imposing will?
Pushy Christians on campus have no intention of giving off biblical inaccuracies, but that is exactly what they are doing when the methods that they use are completely different from that of the very same bible in which they quote from.
It is possible that this blunt approach has worked before, but even with the most extreme recollection, not a single successful attempt using this method comes to mind.
Speaking strictly biblically, 'There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ, Jesus.' Romans 8:1. By condemnation, it means

judgment or imposition of a guilty verdict.
If this is true, then the same Christians that are judging others about smoking, profanity, sexual orientation, or anything else are themselves not being obedient to the same bible that they hold so dear.
If there is no condemnation (or judgment) for those who are in Christ, doesn't that mean that the most severe and passionate Christians includes those of us that may be in sin?
It is amazing to think what could happen if the spiritual students on campus just went around with no other intention than to listen to the reservations that people have with Christianity. After all, 'you can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar.'
'One man plants, one man waters, and God gives the increase,' according to 1 Corinthians 3:7.
All a person has to do is ask someone how their day is going. Maybe talk for a second. People should see Christians as friends, not 'crazy bible thumpers'

that look at them with disgust.
We need to start being more understanding with one another. For those of us that may already have a personal relationship with Jesus, we need to remember that not long ago, we were where others may be right now.
We need to remember that Christ didn't condemn us, or fear us into submission. He waited. He was still.
People may even fail to pay attention to this in belief that they are not condemning and that it doesn't apply to them. Correction, it applies to each and every person that says that they have a personal relationship with God.
We need to relax and stop pitting one group of beliefs against the other.
The time has come to stop being judgmental. Branch out beyond your own views, and maybe you will see that there are people that are hurting and need someone to talk with.

Removing red light cameras is a big help for drivers

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Although red light cameras were installed for safety purposes, there are many reasons why their removal on July 31 was good for the public.
The high cost of the tickets is one of the main reasons why red light cameras were disliked.
The tickets ran up to \$500, and let's face it, with the way the economy is at this time, people did not have the money to spend on tickets.
Most red light cameras were installed in busy areas where there is heavy traffic and pedestrian crossing.
This would have been a danger for students at Cerritos College due to the amount of traffic that builds up in the intersection of Alondra Boulevard

and Studebaker Road.
While students are crossing the street, there are drivers rushing to get to the other side or slam on the brakes to avoid a ticket, which can ultimately cause accidents.
When a driver caused a red light infraction, the light would catch the driver passing a crosswalk on a red light and the camera snapped a photo of the vehicle from several angles.
Several weeks later, the owner would receive a ticket in the mail with images of the license plate and the image of the driver.
However, in some cases, the driver was not the registered owner.
This is a reason why so many tickets went unpaid.
The registered owner did not feel obligated to pay the ticket because he or she was not the driver.
If the actual driver was not willing to step up

and pay the ticket, it would have been unfair for the registered owner to have to pay the ticket.
Along with the high cost of a red light camera ticket, the price of insurance of the registered owner also would go up.
There was no need for people to have to deal with something like this when the economy is bad, people are struggling to get or keep a job, and of course, have families they need to take care of.
Drivers who signed moving-violation citations issued on the scene by police officers promise to deal with the ticket, but not in this case.
This infuriated a lot of people who had paid tickets in the past because they gave up a lot of money to the courts that cannot be refunded.
Whether the public is for or against the red light camera system, it is a good thing red light cameras are being shut off in Los Angeles County and it should be this way in other cities.



'What do you think about the 'Don't ask, Don't tell' policy being repealed?'

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'It's justifiable, because nowadays, people are a lot more liberal towards their own thoughts and ideas.'

ALEJANDRA ROMAN
liberal arts major

'I think everybody deserves the right to do anything in this world so if they want to [join the army] then thats fine. It's their own life and this is a free country so we all deserve it.'



JAVIER CORRALES
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'It's good that they are allowing open gays to serve in the military, because now they don't have to hide who they are, I felt it was discriminative before.'

ZAREEB LORENZANA
biology/physics major

'I feel like it should have happened a long time ago, I know gay people who are firemen and police officers and they are some of the bravest people I know, so I don't see why being gay would prevent you in serving your country.'



DAVID TRACHT
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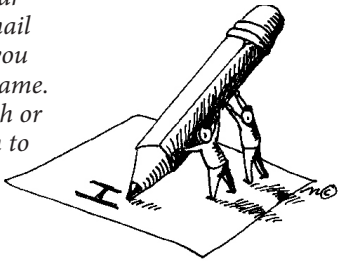
'Honestly, I don't really have an opinion on it, as long as everybody does his or her job and the military does what it's supposed to do.'

PRISCILLA ORANA
psychology major

'I don't believe people's sexual preferences have anything to do with whether they would die for their country or not.'



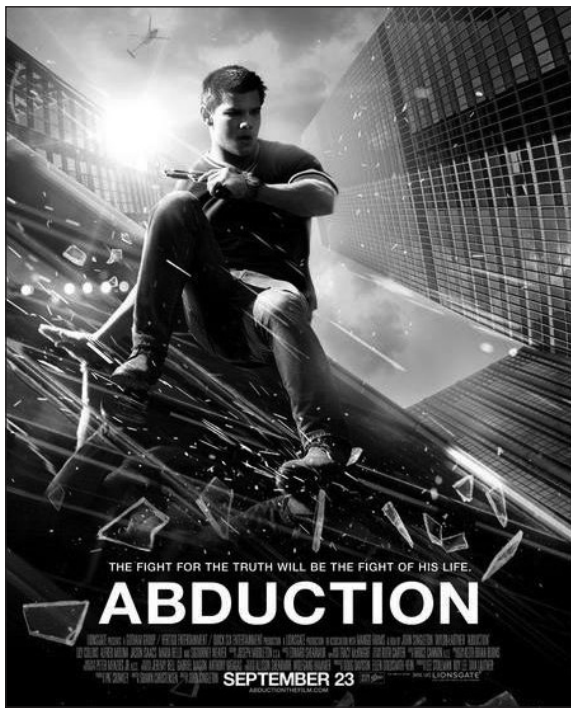
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September releases: media doesn't fall off the charts



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One “Twilight” star is shedding his werewolf shadow to become the next Bruce Lee.

Taylor Lautner plays Nathan, the main character in the movie, “Abduction” and is being followed by some gang members.

Throughout the entire movie, he is either boxing or using his martial arts techniques to fight the gang.

As he fights for the truth of who he is and for his life, he begins to fall in love with his neighbor, who is played by Lily Collins.

This movie isn’t anything similar to the “Twilight” saga and the forbidden love story, but something more with action.

It had those who watched on the edge of their feet wanting to know what will happen and who will die next.

The only thing it was missing that I actually expected to see was Lautner shirtless, but the only scene where he is shirtless, it only shows his body chest-up.

The action was intense but there could have been more blood in this movie since it involves rifles, CIA agents and FBI federals.

Not a follower of many action movies, I can say this is one movie I would have liked to see more of the action and blood rather than martial arts.

I wouldn’t watch it again, but it is fine for a one-time view.

The movie was all right, but I was left wanting more.

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With one MTV Video Music Award and two nominations, the formerly underground rap super-group Odd Future Wolf-gang Kill Them All has released the second mixtape from group member Domo Genesis, titled, “Under The Influence.”

Genesis, who has had comparisons to rapper Wiz Khalifa because of his rhymes that speak mainly of marijuana, has kept the same rhymes and explicit lyrical content in which he had in his first mixtape, which, as well as Khalifa, was titled, “Rolling Papers.”

However, the production value is higher; Genesis’ first mixtape’s raw and old school quality is deeply missed.

The first track of “Under The Influence,” titled, “Mission Statement,” starts with a slow, pleasantly played piano tune that sounds like something out of a romantic 1920s movie.

As the beat begins, Genesis’ voice comes in with blurted references to his up-bringing and hate for the music industry.

With his lower-pitched voice throughout the mixtape, the second track “Boss Life,” keeps the same tempo and piano tune.

While unnecessary, the remaining songs minus two, seem to fall into the same genre and the non-versatile beats of OFWGKTA are truly exposed.

The clever play on words and having four members of OF provide features on some of the 14 tracks, helps listeners keep their interest.

In the two tracks that would most standout to listeners, Genesis brings the swagger and comedic vision he had in his high-

ly praised debut mixtape.

One of those tracks is a remix of Kanye West’s “Whole City Behind Us,” a song where Genesis and Tyler, “The Creator” rap over the beat that was made famous in Boost Mobile commercials last decade.

Genesis Holds his own against Tyler, “The Creator,” who is notorious for showing up other rappers on their songs, whether it be through lyrical content or delivery.

The concluding song of the mixtape is “Smokemon,” which is a parody of the famous 1990s Pokemon theme song.

Containing 80 seconds of a high pitch Genesis singing over his favorite childhood theme song with his own flavor, “gotta smoke em’ all.”

It is a perfect example of why the group will have its own cable show on Adult Swim later this year.

Genesis is leaving his loy-

al listeners with a funny and unique ending, while providing them something to listen to this fall, after the two released summer albums from OFWGKTA mini-group Mellowhype and the VMA’s best new artist award winner, Tyler, the Creator.

Overall the mixtape will keep OFWGKTA fans happy and without a doubt it should not be considered a sophomore slump, but the impact will not be as big as the OFWGKTA albums from earlier this year such as “Goblin,” which contained the most known OFWGKTA song, “Yonkers.”

With about four or five tracks that will be in OFWGKTA listeners regular playlist rotation, Genesis definitely should not be expecting a moon man award for this piece of work next year, but that isn’t exactly what he had in mind when he made “Under the Influence.”



All will be revealed...

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Dear “Two and a Half Men.”

What the hell happened?

It’s obvious that removing Charlie Sheen was a necessary thing to do, due to his drug-filled tirades toward creator Chuck Lorre and referring to Jon Cryer as a “troll,” but the question is, did you have to go in the direction that you did?

Ever since the announcement that Ashton Kutcher would serve as Sheen’s replacement, longtime fans such as myself viewed the decision with skepticism.

Once the new season premiered on Sept. 19, that skepticism was perfectly justified.

The debut of Walden Schmidt, Kutcher’s character, could simply be described as the reincarnation of Michael Kelso, the bumbling, moronic “That ‘70s Show” character that elevated Kutcher to his current state of stardom.

Kutcher delivered nothing new for viewers; it felt as if viewers took a time machine to Point Place, Wisc. and fast-forwarded it 40 years into the future.

Any minute, I was expecting Eric, Hyde, Jackie, Donna and even Fez, to walk through the door of the Harper household.

Also, despite the issues Sheen had before

leaving the show, he has recently come out and apologized for his actions as well as wishing the cast the best of luck.

This could have very well been an opening to bring Charlie Harper back into the fold in the near future.

But no, you just had to kill him off.

He was killed on a train? Are you kidding me? The backstory behind his death was absolutely flawed and it was obvious that was something that was thrown in there at the last minute.

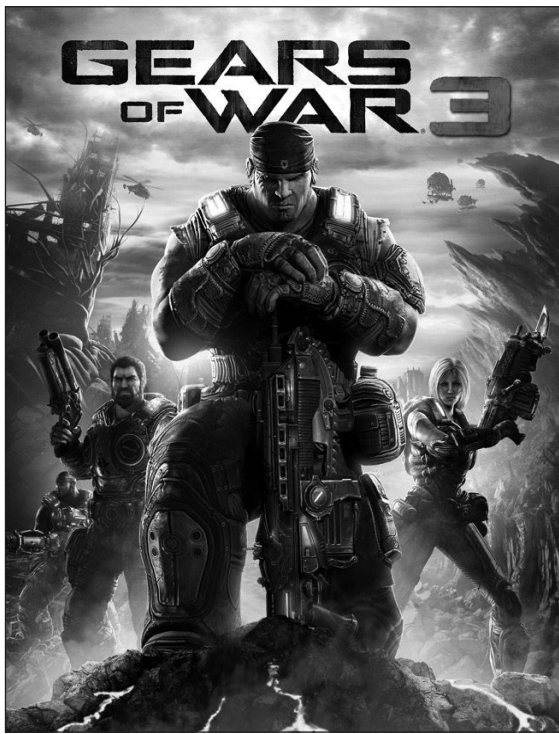
And are we just supposed to believe that Schmidt just so happened to like the Harper house so much, he’s just going to buy it with the billions of dollars he just popped up out of nowhere and Alan, Jake and Berta just live happily ever after?

In short, the new phase of the show is a disastrous one. Sure, you got ratings resembling “American Idol,” but that’s only due to the large level of interest and intrigue from the viewers.

However, once they wise up and realize the mediocrity of the show, you’ll be looking to employ the services of one man, but you won’t be able to because he’ll be too busy “winning.”

Sincerely,

A former fan of the show.



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Amazing, spectacular, and legendary are not even close enough words to describe how good “Gears of War 3” is.

Microsoft Studios has found a way to outdo “Gears of War 2” (2008).

“Gears of War 3” is the latest saga of the GOW series where the Coalition of Organized Government (COG) attempts to stop the Locust and the Lambent from completely taking over the world.

The graphics of this game are really clear and very incredible.

The campaign mode has been taken to a level so high, that it surprisingly has passed “GOW 2.”

It’s campaign mode pulls the player into the game and captures the player’s attention just as if a good movie would do.

The storyline of this game may be the most dramatic storyline that this series has ever had.

The game play works much more smoothly than previous GOW games and the movements of the characters’ are not too animated.

The new Beast Mode feature, which has an online-optional

mode, is a good and interesting feature of the game.

Beast Mode lets the player be on the Locust side instead of playing the hero.

GOW’s Beast Mode worked for this game.

The characters and voice-overs of the game are just as good as the previous GOW games.

This game is not only a must buy, but should rack up several game of the year awards.

This much anticipated game is worth the wait.

One would be foolish to not have this game in their house collection.

Dino’s Chicken and Burgers is definitely nothing to “bawk-bawk” at



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Dino’s Chicken and Burgers, located on Alondra and Bellflower Boulevard, has a full menu, but only a racy joke from comedian Dave Chappelle can truly tell you what to order – the chicken!

Drenched in a taste-bud tingling, Cajun-like sauce and complimented with a plate of French fries, the chicken plate is the establishment’s signature dish.

The sensational taste of lemon, chili and countless other spices give this red-orange flesh-colored bird a taste that can be matched by no other.

Add in a side of tortillas and a drink to complement your meal, mine being Horchata, and you have a meal fit for the God of Gods, Zeus, himself.

Based on an old Greek recipe created by the owner,

Demetrios Pantazis, the meal focuses on a bird officially called, “El Pollo Maniaco”, translated to English as “The Crazy Chicken.”

The immediate moistness of the fries, and the chicken, which absolutely falls right off the bone, sends the eater into an abyss of all that is amazing food.

This home-made recipe simply can not be beat.

Despite being on a little on the high set, six dollars for a plate, the chicken blows every “pollo” from KFC, Church’s, and Popeye’s, out of the water, onto land and back into the water just to be blown out again.

Top it with a staff that is extremely customer friendly, and you’ve got one of the top spots to eat in the area.

And if you aren’t in the area, Dino’s has four other locations including Los Angeles, Pomona, Azusa and Pico Rivera.

Finger lickin’ good: The \$5.99 chicken plate is the entree that is best identified with Dino’s Chicken and Burgers. The restaurant chain, which has been in business since 1968, recently opened a new location in Bellflower on the corner of Alondra and Lakewood Boulevard.



Heritage: Department Chair of Photography Christina Fernandez lecturing in one of her classes. Her six-photo series, “Maria’s Great Expedition,” tells of her great grandmother’s travels in the southwest U.S.

Six-photo series sells for \$20,000

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Photography Department Chair Christina Fernandez has not only been successful to students, but also as a working artist.

Earlier this spring, the Smithsonian Institution contacted Fernandez and made her an offer of \$20,000 for her six-photo series, “Maria’s Great Expedition.”

Fernandez illustrates her great grandmother’s travels through the Southwest region of the United States through her photographs.

The series was completed in 1996 during Fernandez’s time at the California Institute of the Arts. The Mexican Museum of San Francisco approached Fernandez to do the photo narrative.

On Sept. 9, the finalization came through for “Maria’s Great Expedition,” making it into the permanent collection of the Smithsonian. This is a major achievement for the work, according to Fernandez.

Photography student Patricia Defibaugh said, “I was very impressed I thought it was very cool. It really got me to understand; you have to have ideas about art and to create something new. It’s not just about taking pretty pictures.”

Fernandez started as an artist, focusing on painting, printmaking and sculpture at Pasadena City College.

She transferred to UCLA for her undergraduate degree where she took a photography course and decided that she wanted to go into fine art photography.

Fernandez was one of more than 300 applicants to be

chosen by the California Community Foundation to receive a mid-career grant in spring.

“Mid-Career Fellowship is basically a stamp of approval for your work as a Los Angeles artist, artist of note or people that have contributed to the art scene in Los Angeles. It’s quite an honor to get the fellowship,” Fernandez said.

With the grant given to her, she is planning to create a hallmark for herself by making an archive, design a publish-on-demand book and develop a website.

“I think one of the most important things about being a working artist and bringing that to the classroom is that whoever thinks artwork is an impossible thing, can see in me and my life that artwork is a possible thing,” she said.

The achievements of Fernandez are brought back to the classroom to show her students that art is a viable way of life and continues to help and inspire them.

Juan Valenzuela, lab tech, said, “She’s helped me a lot professionally and personally in photography and in my career path.

“As a fine artist, she’s really guided me, motivates me and talks me through my personal voice through my work.”

Photography professor Edward Heckerman said, “As a teacher, you open yourself up to your students, so that they can get to know you and feel more comfortable and relate to you on a personal level.

“I think that when she does that at the same time, it keeps things very professional.”



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Past and present: “1950, San Diego, Ca,” the final photo of the series shows Fernandez’s great grandmother two years before her death. Fernandez uses anachronisms, like the 99 cent store bag, to bring light to issues.



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A journey begins: The first photo of the series is “1910, Leaving Michoacan, Mexico.” Controversy surrounded her departure, because Fernandez’s great grandmother was pregnant and unmarried.



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Coming clean: “1919, Portland, Co.” The three shirts represent the three children she had at the time. Anachronisms, a fanny pack and rubber gloves, points toward immigration issues of today and of the past.

Beyonce’s new album ‘4’ is ‘breath of fresh air’

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The recently released album, “4,” by Beyonce Knowles, is a breath of fresh air to listen to compared to many of the current pop albums that have been released in the past three years.

The 12-song album, which is Knowle’s fourth studio album, has a great mixture of styles of music that will make it difficult for listeners to get tired of after it a few times on repeat.

The album offers songs that have a late-1970s R&B feeling to them with a lot of emotion behind them. Songs, like the first single “1+1,” would be the perfect type of song to play on a romantic date or when you would want to propose to your future spouse.

The album also has its own share of the party songs that just makes people want to get up and dance, with songs like the hit single “Run the World (Girls),” which sampled the dancehall song “Pon de Floor” by Major Lazer.

These songs are just right to play at the clubs or when you and your girlfriend just want to have fun.

There were a few songs that were Jackson 5-esque, like “Love on Top,” that, quite possibly, draw her older fans to buy her album, or people who are into old-school R&B.

Knowles got help from some of the today’s top writers and producers, including Pharell Williams and Chad Hugo from the Neptunes, Chris “Tricky” Stewart, and The Dream.

The album just didn’t match up to Knowles’ debut album, “Dangerously in Love,” mainly because it seems as if she was trying to adjust too much with today’s trend of music.

“4” has been put together well, and has hit after hit that people can sing along to and it is still on Billboard’s Top 10 charts after about three months of being released.

Next time you go to Walmart, Target, or even on iTunes to buy a CD, you should consider having this album at the top of your list.

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Pushing the line: Cerritos College running back Thomas Gray (right) pushes the pile against several West Los Angeles College defenders in the Falcons' 26-10 win on Saturday. Gray finished the game with two touchdowns and 154 yards on 26 carries.

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Gray runs over West LA College

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Behind the churning legs of running back Thomas Gray, the Cerritos College football team defeated West Los Angeles College 26-10 on Saturday.

Gray, who is the team's leading rusher this season, suffered a rib injury early in the game, but returned and was effective.

"I thought it was just a cramp at first, but then I got hit again. It was by a big dude, he must have been a lineman. He just crushed me but I had to play through it."

He finished the game with two touchdowns and 154 yard on 26 carries.

The Falcons' defense refused to give up any yards on the ground, allowing a mere 32 yards.

Linebacker Dominick Sierra said the team's ability to focus on what the coaches told them was what help them achieve the win.

"Coach (Tom) Caines told us we just need to keep up playing how we should be playing. We have a very young defensive talent but our defensive line is probably the best in the nation," he said.

WLAC only scored three points in its first 10 possessions compared to 19 points by Cerritos.

Falcons Linebacker Donovan Amituanai led the defense with eight tackles.

He said, "We just had to keep our intensity up. We are a team that is known for not finishing games so this week we wanted to finish."

Amituanai also said correcting mental mistakes will help the team progress forward.

Falcons quarterback Brandon Denker

threw for 136 yards and a touchdown.

Denker has 703 passing yards and 11 touchdowns, placing seventh and second in the state in those respective categories.

The game also featured former Cerritos College players from the 1986 and 1991 teams. The players were brought onto the field at half-time and recognized by those in attendance.

Also in attendance was former All-American safety Keith McGill. The current Utah Utes safety was enjoying the team's bye week before it resumes play against the University of Washington on Oct. 1.

The Falcons will travel to Saddleback College to play the Gauchos at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Saddleback is the No. 2 team in the state and is 4-0 at this point in the season.

Last season, the Falcons defeated Saddleback in the SoCal Bowl 28-24.

Wrestling places second in West Hills Tourney

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The Cerritos College wrestling team took second place as a team at West Hills Tournament at Cuesta College this Saturday.

Damien Gomez, who wrestles in the 125-pound weight class and Ramon Estrada of the 157-pound class, both won all four of their matches, taking first in their weight classes.

Head Coach Don Garriott was surprised by his team and how well they did in the tournament.

"Some of the better teams in the state were there so we were able to compete with some of the best teams," Garriott said.

He adds, "It was definitely a challenge, but we also learned a lot of valuable information from it."

Gomez opened with a win and then defeated teammate Miguel Rosales. With a record of 6-0, he will be wrestling in semi-finals.

For Estrada, in his last two matches he won 9-3, which included wins against Fresno City and Sierra Colleges.

As far as the challenges in the tournament, Estrada states, "I think my quarters match was the hardest, it was harder than my finals but it was pretty tough competition."

133-pounder Rudy Delgado advanced to semi-finals with wins by fall and technical fall as well as a win over Fresno and Sierra for third place.

Delgado had one loss to West Hills College.

285-pounder Spencer Smith

made it to the semi-finals, but lost matches and was sent into the consolation round.

"I felt like I could have put more preparation and a little more work into [the match] to have a better outcome."

As far as improvement is concerned, Garriott states, "Mostly just that defense on takedowns and working on those mistakes."

"We keep a little notebook at the tournaments and write down when guys do something wrong," he said.

"What we're doing is wrong as a group because individual things we'll work on with that individual and fix it, but it's the bigger things that everyone is doing wrong and that's what we'll work on this week."

The team will compete at the Santa Ana Tournament in Modesto at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

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Freshman water polo player looks to swim up to her brother's standards

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Freshman Katherine Gabayeron comes from a family background of swimmers and water polo players, so with that in mind her own expectation is to match her brother.

Gabayeron is a utility player for the Cerritos College women's water polo team and has also been swimming since the age of 9, providing her with a bit of extra advantage and talent in the pool.

Following footsteps

Her brother, PJ Gabayeron, finished his career with five individual state championships (a school record), eight South Coast Conference championships, and was named an All-American.

He also earned the team's defensive player of the year award.

Even before that she took her brother's athletic achievements and viewed them as inspiration to jump into a pool and hit a water polo ball around, during her high school years with an, "If my brother can do it, I can do it," mentality.

Moving up a level

The female Gabayeron's experiences with the Cerritos High School water polo team included, winning California Interscholastic Federation awards in her sophomore and junior years.

Women's water polo Head

Coach Sergio Macias said, "She has some high level of experience with her high school team and had some success with it also. She is bringing over that experience with her here to Cerritos."

"In the moment if i think about what I'm going to do, Im going to do something wrong or make a mistake so I just go on instinct, thats how I play" Gabayeron said.

Growing up alongside an older brother that has a background in swim and water polo seems like it would add pressure to any younger sibling if they are also engaging in water polo as well, but Macias states other wise.

"I think Katherine is her own person and she is here to make a name for herself."

She quoted Olympic Swimmer Aaron Peirsol saying, "Setting a goal for yourself that is achievable, but it will make you push your self each day."

Setting her own path

Dedication, as well as effort, is something that is needed to achieve success in anything for that matter.

"She doesn't take it easy, not even to her own teammates. She plays like she would play in a game, which is good and it just helps her get a lot better," goalie Sharon Ku said.

Utility player Shelby Gleason said, "She is very dedicated and hard working and always wants to get the win."



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"When it comes to Gabayeron's strengths during practice or in a game, she is one of our better shooters. If we have a five meter penalty shot she is one of the people that could go up and take it, and she is also a really good defensive player too," Ku added.

Macias said "I think she is tough minded."

"She is not scared to compete at any level there really isn't a weakness other then getting better if you practice, playing against better teams, but she's got a lot of potential bright future ahead of her."

Both of the Gabayeron's have a few similarities in the way they play when it comes to water polo.

"They both play with a great deal of confidence [Katherine and PJ]. They are very assertive, they have fun, and they actually play with smiles," Macias said.

She finished by saying "I'm just hoping to go as far as I can with water polo."



Chasing a Dream: Freshman Mabel Chacon (center) attacks the Taft College defense on Friday. Chacon is tied for second in the team with four goals this season and also second in the team with 10 points.

Freshman player recalls her past

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Cerritos College women's soccer player Mabel Chacon was born in Honduras, but came to America when she was 12 years old to reunite with her mother, who moved away when she was 8 years old.

"I just wanted to hug her and be next to her. I wanted her to tell me how her life was," Chacon said.

"Everything was different, from how to dress to the language we had to speak, but I did not really care because I just wanted to be with my mother."

Chacon felt she became familiar with her new surroundings and upon entering high school she took an interest in soccer and joined the Cabrillo High School soccer team.

Playing all four years on the soccer team at Cabrillo led to individual accomplishments, including being named 1st-Team All-Moore League as a senior and was voted as her team's Most Valuable Player.

Aside from playing for her high school team, Chacon was a member of the Brasil Futbol Club team and the Cal United Club team.

"I was taught a lot (as a member of the club teams), along with my teammates and everything, we did really good, we were just touch, touch and win," she said.

Chacon kept what she learned with her other teams, with a solid two-goal performance against Taft College in a 3-0 victory on Friday.

Some of her teammates are also taking notice of her performance and what she brings to the team.

Forward Samantha Smith said,

"Her intensity is high and she has a lot of strive. She's good for the team, she can finish."

As a freshman, Chacon now has four goals on the season, but feels she still has plenty of room to improve her game as a member of the Falcons soccer team.

"I have to think more positively, in a way that I have to score because in past games, I have been really negative about myself. But right now, I'm doing really well, so I'm okay," she said.

Cerritos College women's soccer Head Coach Ruben Gonzalez thinks highly of Chacon and what she brings to this team.

"She brings a lot of energy, a lot of competitiveness, and off the field she is a great person," he said.

"I think she needs to be a little bit more confident and take better

advantages of her opportunities," he added.

Chacon feels that needing to improve in other areas is necessary.

"I would say it's necessary to score. People always tell me that 'you take every body but you do not shoot,'" she said.

She adds that she is grateful to have the support from her mother and coaches.

"I just want to thank all my coaches for everything they have done for me and motivating me to continue and not give up," she said.

While Chacon is attending Cerritos College, she plans to major in kinesiology and minor in sociology before transferring to a university and continuing her career in soccer.

Women's soccer team prepares for Pasadena City College match-up

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The undefeated Cerritos College women's soccer team (7-0-0) will take on South Coast Conference opponent Pasadena City College on Friday.

Sophomore midfielder Monica Ramirez anticipates the best to happen in this game by keeping a positive and concentrated attitude in what she's there to do.

"I'm excited. I'm not really nervous I'm confident; we feel ready, we expect to win," she said.

This would be the first time Ramirez plays against Pasadena, but she has all the confidence in doing so.

Before every game, the team takes a moment before going onto the field to reflect on previous games as a way to perfect themselves.

"You reflect on your past games, things you want to do better and that's how you become better," she said.

Sophomore goalie Laura Ropp explains that she is very focused and determined to win.

She has already played against Pasadena, but was injured, forcing her to take an en-

tire season off to get better.

In previous games, she explains how the team has always beat Pasadena.

"When we play them at Pasadena City College its kind of like a 2-0 [victory] for us, but when we play them here it's like 5-0," she said.

Much like others, Ropp directs herself to focus on what is expected of her in the field, and in moments from the game she relaxes by listening to mellow music.

Head Coach Ruben Gonzalez tries to keep the team up in high spirits, providing them with confidence.

"It doesn't matter if its 1-0 or 2-1 or 3-2, whatever it is you just want to win," Gonzalez said.

He believes that the team has been winning throughout the entire season due to the confidence and talent of the team.

"We had a couple minor injuries, nothing to keep our players out," he said.

He added that the the same lineup from the game against Taft might be considered for the upcoming game against Pasadena.

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