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Study: Facebook doesn't ruin grades

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A new study on Mashable.com shows that time on Facebook doesn't actually hurt students' grades.

According to usatodayeducate.com, the study was based on a survey of 1,839 undergraduates and the results showed that time being spent on Facebook actually hurt students' grades.

The study also showed that students that spend 106 minutes per day on Facebook, and visit the site about six times each day decrease their GPA by .12 points.

"People who need to socialize will always resort to Facebook and obviously it's time consuming," film pro-

duction major Richard Carlos said.

Carlos continued, "I know that because that's what I usually prioritize whenever I get on Facebook.

"Not every Facebook activity affects grades, for example, sharing links."

Political science major Brian Mendoza said, "Students can form study groups on Facebook, I've been able to do that for one of my assignments."

With Facebook features like groups, pages and link sharing students can create groups or pages of their clubs and share links that could help members of the clubs.

The "event" feature can also help remind club members of meetings or other special events.

According to the study, students

that constantly update their status has proven to lower a GPA.

Chats generally tend to lower grades but sharing links helps.

"You just have to know how and when to use it," political science major Patricia Esquivel said.

Study author Reynol Junco explained the amount of time that has to be spent on Facebook in order to affect grades.

"You have to spend an inordinate amount of time on Facebook for it to be related to GPA in a way that it is shocking."

In other words, Facebook time does not necessarily affect grades it all really depends on how one uses their time on Facebook.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY PETE MOYE'
Staying connected: Three students travel with Facebook logged onto their computers. Mashable.com reported on a study that showed that Facebook does not affect grades.

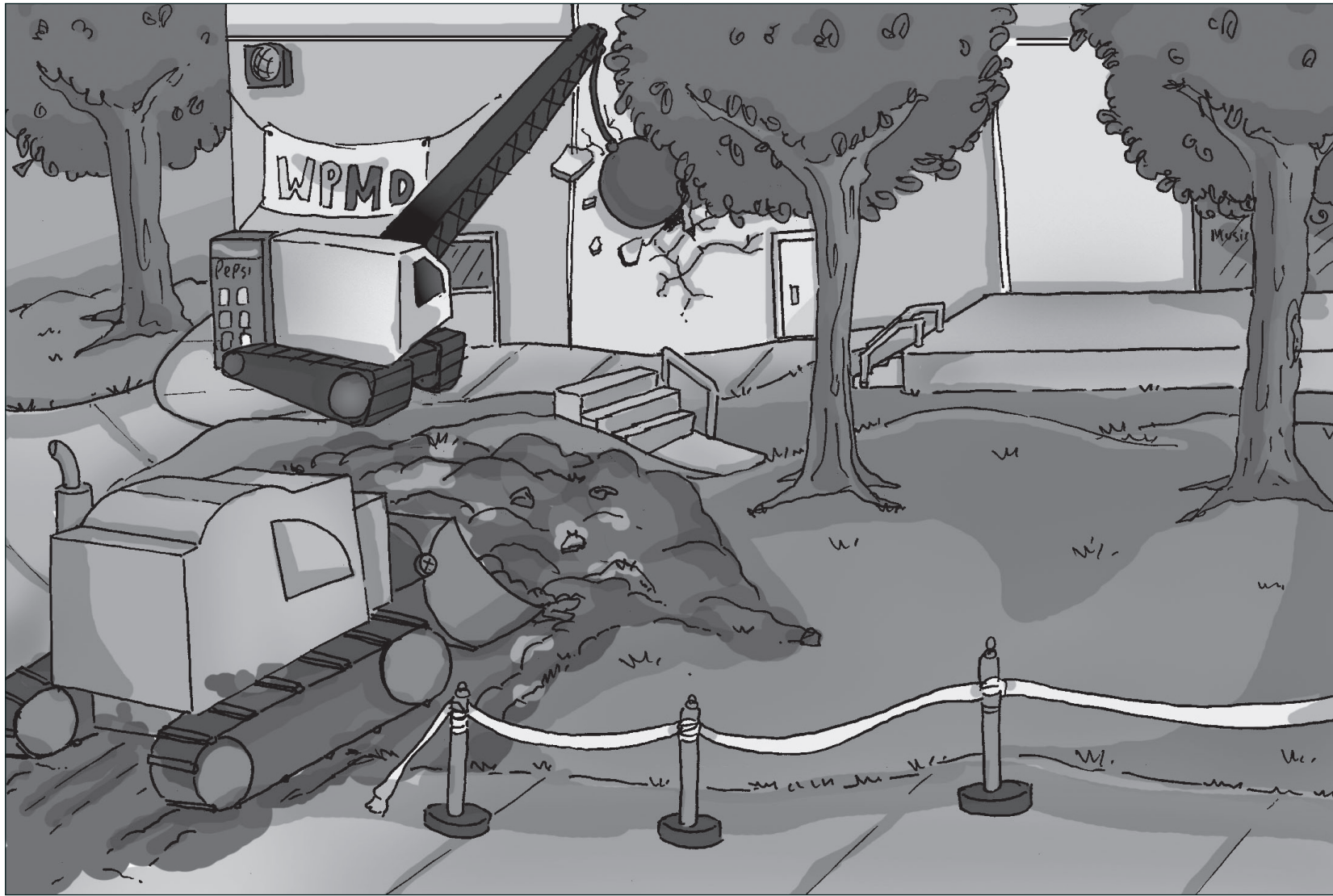


ILLUSTRATION BY ALEJANDRA AYALA/TM
Bring it down: Construction equipment knock out parts of Cerritos College including the WPMD portion of the Burnight Center and the "hill" next to it. These are among several changes that the campus plans to make in the upcoming years.

Meeting reveals campus plans

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Cerritos College is undergoing plans of a complete, top-to-bottom reconstruction of the school to provide students of the campus with a better space to enhance their education in.

A public forum meeting was held on Oct. 6 and another was held on Tuesday to introduce the construction plans via a PowerPoint presentation, with means of demonstrating what buildings are coming down to make room for new buildings.

The focus is on every single building, due to the aging effects over the years.

Commissioner for student services David Aguirre said, "A lot of our buildings are really old, I think the [Liberal Arts] building was maybe built in the [mid]-1950s, when our college was built."

Aguirre personally claims that there is a desperate need for construction, such as the student activities building, where the roof is falling apart.

The funding is provided by the state, however, if it is not put into use then funds are just simply removed.

There is only enough funding from the state to cover the "first step" of the project, which features the Liberal Arts building being demolished and then rebuilt on the corner of Alondra and Studebaker.

"We are just making plans so when the funds come in then we could start building, but at least we have a plan," Aguirre explains.

With active plans in hand for upcoming years, swing spaces will be provided to avoid disrupting the flow of study in the school. For instance, in the making of a [new] Liberal Arts building, classes will be conducted in the Social Science building.

Aguirre appears to be satisfied with the planned changes. He envisions how it would benefit the student's mobility around the campus.

"It will be able to hold a lot more students in our campus buildings than what it does now," Aguirre says.

Concerning the students' ease of access, there are plans in mak-

ing a new building, known as the Gateway Building, which would link offices together in one building related to any student services, such as the admissions offices, student activities and the student store.

The location of this building would be facing Alondra Boulevard, one of the main streets in which Cerritos College is located in, in means to attract and lead students and guests to offices of the highest service.

It has also been confirmed that the Burnight Center Theatre buildings will be brought down as well as the "hill", to bring about renovated buildings.

Unfamiliar with the plans that are taking place, students who socialize at the hill are surprised and hoping to not have the hill removed.

"This is my sanctuary. It's a green pasture of shadiness, [and] I see my friends here," communications major Cameron Bastin.

"If the hill's not here, then I am going home a lot earlier, and not buying snacks," Bastin concludes.

Other students who are new to the campus, such as undecided major Daniel Torres, believe "there are not too many ways that you could improve this spot, it's just perfect the way it is."

Although students don't want the hill removed, some do want it improved.

Music major Maguiver Sanchez would like "to be able to use the stage for stuff."

She suggests taking on events in which students would be able to conduct poetry readings and play music on a daily basis.

Campus administration is looking forward to making the campus more "student friendly;" a place in which students can enjoy conversations or study in the outdoors under new wider-shaded areas, as well as being furnished with more parking areas.

"We have to look at the context of the plan, not just for what we like," Aguirre concludes about how students should perceive this upcoming wave of change.

TalonNet 2.8 set to appear in spring

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Cerritos College looks to fix problems and implement new features with the Spring 2012 release of TalonNet 2.8.

"The main idea was to improve the overall performance and reliability and give it a professional feel," Carl Bengston, dean of the Library and Learning Resource Center, said.

The new version will no longer be hosted on campus or on the Cerritos network. Instead, the site will be managed by a third party, rSmart, which has better resources and a larger staff, according to Bengston.

"Our vendor claims that it can have (TalonNet) running at 98 to 99 percent without down time. They can do a better job," he said.

Administrators believe the server migration will improve TalonNet's response time, save campus web traffic, fix connectivity issues and reduce the

workload for campus staff without costing the school too much money.

"Most problems involve login issues but we had students losing connectivity while trying to take tests," David Gunn, technician and user support for TalonNet, said. "It was at the fault of the server because the system can be slow sometimes. We hope the overall responsiveness will be improved with the new version."

TalonNet 2.8 will include a new look and will incorporate Google Docs to allow faculty to host presentations. The new version will also have better security features and improved access for mobile devices.

"Students can log on with their iPhones but TalonNet may not display properly," Gunn said. "The new version uses a better style sheet so the layout should

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New building leaves others on backburner

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The addition of the new Physical Science and Technology building and of the Aquatic Center, as well as the renovation of the new gymnasium, has left some of Cerritos College's older buildings such as the Social Science building to be fixed without being given the proper attention when being fixed.

The Social Science building was planned to have the final phase of the interior renovations done to the building as early as the summer of 2011.

The work that was said to be done was set to included new doors and hardware, white boards, and tack boards, along with painting and renovation of the basement offices as mentioned during a July 6 board meeting.

The Social Science Renovation Project was in the planning

phases of the building as early as May 2010, according to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Report, which was presented to the Board of Trustees on May 19, 2010.

One of the things not mentioned was a sealing of one of two doors in each classroom within the building that took place over the summer.

It was not until Oct. 11, that the wood planks sealing the doors were taken out, and many doorways are left without a door attached to the door frame.

A sign outside each classroom reads, "Effective 9/7/2011, this classroom will not be secure. Please do not leave any personal items. Effective until further notice."

Faculty members who work in the SS building were not satisfied

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CERRITOS COLLEGE
NEWS BRIEFS

Earthquake Drill to take place Thursday

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California will have its fourth annual statewide earthquake drill, “The Great California ShakeOut” on Thursday at 10:20 a.m.

Throughout California, there will be over 185, and counting, registered colleges and universities participating in the event, which includes Cerritos College.

Stephen Johnson, vice president of student services and assistant superintendent, gave insight on how Cerritos College will participate and what is expected on that day.

“The biggest part of the drill will be that at 10:20 a.m., everyone will be asked to drop, cover and hold on.” Johnson said that the campus needs to “drop cover and hold” for at least 30 seconds.

TAS Club to make Halloween Maze

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A haunting Halloween maze will be rising from the concrete of Cerritos College. The Theater Art Society is having its first Halloween maze on Oct. 27 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The event will be taking place in the fine arts quad by the Cerritos Art Gallery, set up begins at 12 p.m.

The maze’s theme will be clowns.

Steven Lomeli, photography major and president of the Theater Art Society Club said, “you never pick anything that is mildly scary, you pick into people’s fears in which actually will make them go and make [students] face them.”

Volunteers to be monsters or do makeup can call Steven Lomeli at (562) 567-1098.

PSA Club to be part of Norwalk festival

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The Peace Service Association will be part of this year’s Halloween Festival, presented by the City of Norwalk.

Daniel Fragoso, business management major and co-president of PSA discussed his plans of volunteering on Halloween.

“On Halloween, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., [PSA will be] volunteering in the city of Norwalk,” he said.

He also said, “We’re doing this for our mission, which is to create peace within the community.

“This event is a family environment and it is for children to go have fun and enjoy their time instead of them being out on the streets where it can get crazy.”



LAUREN GANDARA/TM
Waiting for the results: Candidates No. 3 Lilly Hernandez from the Karbarkada Club (left) and No. 4 Brittany Salazar (middle) from the Board of Accountancy Club, and Raquel Ramirez (right) of the iFalcon Club await for the results of the Homecoming Rally on Oct. 13. iFalcon Club member and Economics Club vice president Justin McIntyre won the Mock Rally.

Activities welcome homecoming

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Tiaras, high heels, sashes and men in dresses; some of the things that were seen from the homecoming court at Homecoming Activities Night last Wednesday and the Mock Pep Rally last Thursday.

The winner of the mock rally was the iFalcon Club, which was led by iFalcon Club member and Economics Club President Justin McIntyre, representing Raquel Ramirez.

McIntyre said, “I’m surprised; there were so many other good people out there. I was rocking these heels, but I thought I was going to fall up there, [the heels are] killing me right now but I guess I pulled it off.”

Seven men were chosen to look like their court member.

The contestants were wearing dresses, wigs, and makeup.

Individually, each man was escorted to the runway and was asked one question, followed by a dance to a certain song that they had prepared.

The DJ first announced the court of the seven finalist for queen. The men were then introduced to the song “Dude Looks Like a Lady.”

Daniel Metrada, representing No. 4 Brittany Salazar, talked about why he decided to be a part of the mock rally, saying, “If you can’t make fun of yourself, life is not worth living.”

The contestants were judged by several members of the Cerritos College faculty, as well as the former 2010 Homecoming Queen Crystina Leyva.

Activities Night was held in several classrooms in the Social Science building and continued to the Liberal Arts building. Six out of the seven princesses on court went to the classrooms and informed the students about elections as well as giving their name and a little information about themselves.

Afterward, the women gave the teachers and students a chance to ask them questions.

Diana Pham, candidate No. 6. talked about the activities night.

“It went well, we went through

a lot of classes, we basically got out there and told people to come out and vote and come out to the homecoming game.”

Pham is being sponsored by the Spice Club.

Ramirez, No. 5 on court, discussed how homecoming activities might get students more involved. “I feel like when students don’t see all these events going on campus, then they say, there’s not a lot of things for me to get involved in.”

“But when they see things to get involved in, they get interested and they say, ‘There are things to do at college besides just going to class and going home.’”

Ramirez also ran for homecoming queen and made court last year. This year, she is being sponsored iFalcon.

This year’s homecoming queen will be crowned Saturday during the Cerritos College football game against El Camino College at halftime at Falcons Stadium.

The parade of floats will also

take place at halftime.

On Saturday, there will be a homecoming dance at 9:30 p.m. inside the Student Center.

Students with a current Fall 2011 sticker will be able to get in for free along with a guest. There will be a Dj there from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Mobile News

Scan to listen to audio of the Homecoming Mock Rally

http://bit.ly/oxT3h5



PHOTO COURTESY OF AURORA SEGURA, DISABLED STUDENTS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
In search for advise: Assistant technology major Jose Rivera (left) talking to his mentor Claudia Guevara of the Los Angeles City Hall (right). Disability Mentoring Day took place Wednesday at the City Hall Council Chambers in Los Angeles.

Disabled Students attend Disability Mentoring Day

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Nine Cerritos College students from Disabled Student Programs and Services attended Disability Mentoring Day in Los Angeles on Oct. 12.

Disability Mentoring Day is a program that helps people with disabilities look for careers and has a mentor for the day.

David Rodarte, DSPS Consultant said, “It was a great environment for those with disabilities.”

“The event itself did a great job of raising awareness for people with disabilities, and also doing a great job of raising awareness for Disability Awareness Month.”

DMD was held at the City Hall Council Chambers.

“[DMD] had a lot of programs, they had a lot of different mentors in different fields, and the

students were able to take a great deal of an advantage to possibly find a future employer, and a future in the business world.”

Rodarte continued, saying, “Overall, the event was a great success.

“[DMD] had a lot of programs, they had a lot of different mentors in different fields, and the students were able to take a great deal of an advantage to possibly find a future employer, and a future in the business world.”

Undecided major Tiara Tillman said, “My mentor was kind of patient, super understanding, she knew where she was taking us, she knew what she was talking about, and she helped me understand a lot about what she does.

Her mentor, Victoria Castillo, is an animal shelter senior clerk.

“She showed me around the place, she showed me what the board range of jobs was in that field. She also introduced me to everyone and I get to

see what they do,” Tillman said.

Hector Arellano, political science major, said that he, along with the rest of the group, the council members watched them break into groups and go to meetings.

“[Disability Mentoring Day] really inspired me to continue on the path that I’m on because I felt really comfortable in that environment,” he said.

Sara Postma, graphic design major, said that she enjoyed her time at DMD.

“It was a lot of fun, I want to do it next year,” she said.

Rodarte said that he would not change anything from the event.

“[DMD] did a really great job, we did a great job here at Cerritos,” he said.

He continued, saying, “I think we’re one of the schools that brought one the most students out to this event.”

Social Science: More renovations of the Social Science Building takes place

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Department Chair for Administration of Justice department, Doug Haynes, who has been a part of the Cerritos College staff for more than 18 years.

“The only thing we have seen is before the semester began, [the contractors] had sealed the secondary doors, now eight weeks into the semester, nothing has been done to correct that, thank god we haven’t had a major earthquake or something and now they have just put in these replacement doors, which you can see the safety hazard that the way they have been installed has been created, people will get hurt and killed,” Haynes said.

Some of the changes that were set to have been done sometime during the summer are just beginning to happen.

On Oct. 4, the replacement doors Haynes talk about were installed in some cases to the point that two classroom doors on the second floor will hit each other.

The newly installed doors also were not equipped with any hardware to prevent the classroom doors from slamming, when they close behind someone entering a classroom.

Another renovation just beginning to take place is the painting of the basement offices, which was also planned to have been done during the summer.

A set of stairs, which led to the offices, were being taped off with a sign stating: “The stairway to the basement is closed for renovation. Please use the staircase around the back by the Liberal Arts building. (Not the outside staircase in the middle of the building that goes up to the third floor).”

•EDITORIAL•

Tug of war hurts education

The recent lawsuit filed by three former board of trustee candidates against the Cerritos Community College District has put students in the middle of two sides that have lost focus of what is truly important: students' education.

The plaintiffs claimed the Latinos of the 13-city district surrounding Cerritos was being silenced because the at-large voting system prevented more than one Latino board member at a time.

In the opinions of the plaintiffs, Latinos were not being presented accordingly.

If you live in one of the 13 cities that belong to the district, go out there and vote so you too could be represented at this school.

The board meetings may seem boring, but the decisions made in each and every meeting directly effects each and every student on campus.

While the Voting Rights Act was passed in 2001 the CCCD Board of Trustees failed to change the voting system to by-trustee until September 2011.

The by-trustee system approved by the board will re-district the previous district lines into sub-districts and allow voters the opportunity to choose a representative from their area to the board.

Although the board took action, the damage may already be done.



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Not only do Cerritos College students not feel affected, but most don't even know of the severity of the situation.

Should students care about this when most students on campus don't even know what the board of trustees do?

Or can't even name one member off the board?

Of course.Why?

One reason is because the board of trustees is made up of the people who

make all the decisions regarding our district.

Also, whenever a lawsuit is filed, a substantial amount of money is involved in order to pay for attorney fees and other expenses.

And while the school is already making cuts regardless, the lawsuit can possibly cause cancellations of even more classes and programs.

Not to the mention that tuition will most likely be raised again to pay for this lawsuit.

Do you know how you were hoping for those extra math and English classes?

Not going to happen.

All the while, the majority of the student body is blind to the threat to its education.

With open board meetings held on campus twice a month, students need to get informed about what the board is doing.

Women and football don't go together

Women playing college or professional football is a joke.

Who is going to take women playing college or professional football seriously?

Female comedian Phyllis Diller said, "The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public."

So women, your own gender is not taking seriously, so why should we as men and avid sports consumers take it seriously? It does not make any sense!

Let's flashback to Super Bowl XXXVIII. It featured a halftime show like never before, the first of its kind; a Lingerie Bowl.

The Lingerie Bowl consisted of two teams of women playing football against each other



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wearing lingerie uniforms.

That was the only time women were on national television playing football against each other, and it was a joke because these women were wearing lingerie instead of football pads.

It was basically promoting the idea that women should aspire to be Victoria's Secret models and not professional football players.

It's basically showing how the media does not take you seriously and your own gender doesn't take you seriously either.

Ladies, how many more signs do you need to see that no one takes you seriously?

Let's be honest here, how many people do you

think would actually take the time out of their busy Saturday or Sunday to watch women's football?

Do you think women would choose to watch a game on the weekend over watching a chick flick, getting their nails done, and going shopping? I think not.

So women, stop complaining that there are not any opportunities for you to play football.

Because first of all, you know you would not watch it. Secondly, you do not understand what's going on in the game. Thirdly, you know you would hate the uniforms.

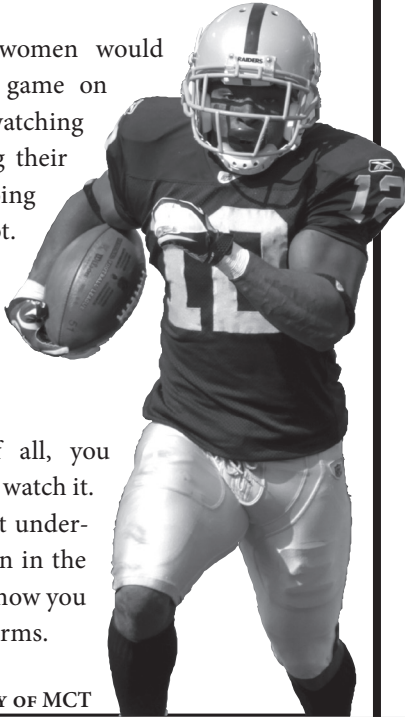


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Taking the Hollywood sign down will ruin California

This country has very few landmark staples remaining anymore. For some reason, all of the vitally important pieces of history are becoming just that, history. Now, there is talk about taking down the legendary Hollywood sign.

It is a situation where greedy, extremely wealthy people see an opportunity to add several zeros to their ridiculously wealthy bank accounts.

What is wrong with the world? People will sell anything if the price is right.

But why even consider getting rid of a piece of history? The Hollywood sign has been standing for longer than the people who are making decisions on its fate



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have been alive.

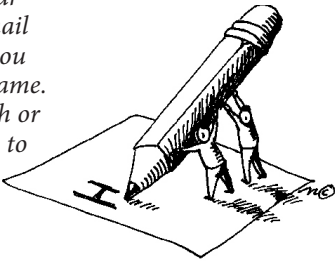
This is another example of how we in this country treat the elder things and people in our lives. People are saying, "When it gets too old, or too inconvenient, sell it, get rid of it or put it in a nursing home where all great landmarks go when people tire of them."

All they will do is build homes on the land, then hike up the price significantly higher than it already was with the point to potential buyers that, "This is the land where the Hollywood sign was."

Even with the average age of Cerritos College students as young as it is, you would be hard-pressed to find one of them that does not know what the Hollywood sign is.

Some of us had our first kiss to a movie that contained the sign while some of us recall the sign being used in some capacity as the place where we got engaged to our spouse.

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



"What is the role of the Board of Trustees?"

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OMAR FLORES
chemical and photography major
"I honestly have no idea."

IVAN MORENO
culinary arts major



"It tries to keep the school organized and make sure there are no more classes cut or un-organized student activities."



OFELIA MARTINEZ
business major
"I guess it decides what goes on at school."

TAYLOR GORRAN
nursing major



"I don't know, I've never heard of the Board of Trustees, maybe it's the principal and everybody."



TAMEKA FRANCIS
nursing major
"Isn't it trying to figure out money situations for our school? Like the president, vice president, treasurer?"

A word of advice for those who wish to ruin a part of history. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." It is not your job, nor responsibility to remove something that millions of people have grown up with. It is just as much a part of our families as your crazy mindsets are to your family.

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‘Forbidden Planet’ returns a hit



All together: Actor Sean Paez (center), playing the role of Jock E. Schwartz, leads a musical number during the first act of “Return to the Forbidden Planet.” Alongside “Forbidden Planet,” Paez is set to perform in an interpretation of William Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” at Bellflower High School, where he is currently attending as a senior.



Doing ‘The Robot’: Actor Skylar Johnson sings and dances as A.R.I.E.L. Outside of acting, Johnson also works as a Drama Coach for the Hawaiian Gardens Parks and Recreation’s Theater program.

Theater Review

Return to the Forbidden Planet
Starring: Julian Paez, Cesar Diaz
Director: J. Eleanor Packwood
Rating: ★★★★★

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The Cerritos College Theater Department kicked off its fall season with “Return to the Forbidden Planet” gracing the Burnight Center Theatre.

Gracing the stage is exactly what this production did during the entire show. Everything about the show was simply graceful. It is, without question, the best community college musical in quite some time.

Don’t enter the theatre expecting to go see a show because if there was ever a show that involves the audience, this is that show, so you are

not seeing a show, you are a part of the show. This is one of those plays where it is almost impossible to talk about without listing a spoiler disclaimer. “Forbidden Planet” is that good. You will leave this play wanting to tell your friends about it. The best way to describe the show is to liken it to that of a simulator ride with an audience. It is obvious that a tremendous amount of work went into this production. It has strong acting, entertaining choreography, and the singing more than complements the production. The comedy is wonderful. Prepare to laugh because you will be doing plenty of it. This play is an instant audience favorite. Anyone that has anything negative to say about this production may want to check his pulse. The audience involvement was very impressive. You never know if someone from the cast will come up to you and talk to you or address you at any time. Audience members appeared captivated throughout the show. Aerospace engineering major Anthony Hilario commented on the show saying, “I enjoyed it very much. I didn’t expect such great acting and singing.” With mind-blowing musical performanc-

es, “Forbidden Planet” is the type of show that makes you forget that you are watching a play. Acting is about becoming the character that you are portraying, and that is exactly what the cast did in this play. You can walk around campus calling the actors by their stage names instead of their real names because they became the characters that they played. Theatre Arts major Oralia Neria commented on the music by saying, “[The music] is very energetic, very high. The music kept the play entertaining. With amazing lighting, video, and sound, even the tech crew hit a home run with this play. It was obvious to see that they are every much a part of the show as the actors are. Support this production. Everyone from the actors, tech crew, choreographer, and director gave their all with this play. Even the curtain call was full of performance and energy. Don’t let money be the reason why you miss out on the best show to run on the Cerritos College stage in quite some time. This cast gave everything that they had to give, so take a few hours out of your day and go see this show. You will not regret it.



In character: Paez (right) and Actor Cameron Johnson (left), as “Cookie,” during a scene in the second act. Johnson has also appeared in the Theater Department’s interpretation of “The Taming of the Shrew” and “A Funny Thing Happened On The Way to The Forum.”



Medley: Cast members from “Return to the Forbidden Planet” perform a scene from the play. “Forbidden Planet” can be seen at the Burnight Center Theatre until Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Wrestling comes in third at regionals

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With two wrestlers shining for the Falcons, the wrestling team finished third place at the Southern Regional Duals on Saturday.

The Falcons lost to Santa Ana College in the semi-finals.

The winners of the Southern Regional Duals meet the winners of the Northern Duels later in the year for the state championship.

"We just didn't get off to a good start and the momentum wasn't rolling for us at all," Head Coach Don Garriott said.

Garriott explained one of the reasons why they didn't win by saying, "I think part of it was that we didn't wrestle all of our starters in the first meet (against Rio Hondo College) and for some of the guys, it was their first match of the day, we just got a cold start."

One hundred-thirty pound freshman Rudy Delgado defeated one of the higher-ranked wrestlers in the state.

Delgado went 2-1.

"Anytime you win, you're just motivated to win more," Delgado said.

One hundred seventy-five pound freshman Ramon Estrada had two wins.

"I think I did pretty good and my wins show that, and that's definitely going to bring momentum for my next matches," Estrada said.

The Falcons' next set of matches will be at the Meathead Invitational at Cuesta College on Saturday.



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Ball control: Freshman midfielder Carlos Escobar works the ball against an East Los Angeles College defender in the Falcons' 3-1 win on Tuesday. Escobar has played in 13 games this season.

Falcons control ball in win over ELAC

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Midfielder Carlos Escobar scored one goal in the first half and assisted the Cerritos College men's soccer team (12-1-1) to a 3-1 home victory over East Los Angeles College on Tuesday.

Escobar, who was recruited by ELAC feels it is one of Cerritos College's biggest rivals.

"To me, this is the main rivalry. I was thinking of going to ELAC (after high school) because I have friends on the team," he said. "They talk a lot of trash now because I didn't go."

Head Coach Benny Artiaga feels the team came out strong to start the game, which he also states it as out of the ordinary for the Falcons.

"We usually go down early and then have to come back after the other team has a lead. I am really impressed with the [team's] performance," he said.

The Falcons scored the first two goals of the game within three minutes of each other in the first half.

Goalkeeper Danny Lizama had four saves in the same half, but gave up one goal in the

first half.

"We had a phenomenal first half [against ELAC]. We really stuffed it down their throats," he said.

"We had 80 percent ball possession throughout the game," he said, "unfortunately, we only had only had three goals to show for it. Other than that we did a great job."

ELAC was held scoreless until less than eight minutes in the first half.

"We just broke down defensively. One of the defensive players let one get by," Artiaga said.

Midfielder Christian Alvarez had two assists, with one assist to midfielder Daniel Garcia, in the second half with less than six minutes left in the game.

Garcia came off the bench in the second half and attributes his goal to staying focused sticking to the game plan.

"I went in there and did my thing by running up and down. I was in the right place when Alvarez gave me the ball," Garcia said.

Cerritos College had 14 shots on the goal, while ELAC put up eight with the majority coming in the second half.

Addressing the team after the game, Artiaga said, "It doesn't matter if your name is under the assist or goals, we all did something today

to help us get this win."

He also stated that he was happy with the victory because of how good he feels ELAC is.

"They [ELAC] lost 1-2 to Mount San Antonio College. That alone shows how good they are."

Forward Alberto Lazaro also added a goal in the Falcons' aggressively-played first half and thinks the key of the victory was how they played.

"Usually we give goals away early. Instead we came out positive and aggressive," Lazaro said.

Lazaro acquired his goal in the first half off a misjudged kick from the ELAC goalkeeper. "He was going to kick it to the other side, when it came my way," he said.

With one injury to an ELAC player late in the game, Artiaga utilized the chance to bring in more players from the bench at the seven minute mark in the second half.

Artiaga keeps the positive attitude further down conference, highlighting the teams rematch against Mt. SAC.

The team lost to Mt. SAC. 1-4, in the only home loss of the season and Artiaga feels the team has nothing to worry about.

The Falcons will host Los Angeles Harbor College on Friday at 2 p.m.

Falcons finish top three at Leadbetter

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Leadbetter Beach hosted the Santa Barbara Invitational on Friday where the Cerritos College women's cross country team placed second and the men's team placed third overall.

The women's team finished with 68 total team points while the men's team finished with a total of 93.

The women's team had one runner finish in the top 10 as freshman Natalie Fyke placed seventh overall for the women with a time of 21:10.

Freshman runner Julia Plecnik, who finished 33rd with a time of 22:50 commented on how this course helped her by saying, "The sand was the hardest part but it helped me push myself more."

Freshman Gabriella Villalobos and sophomore Angela Gonzalez tied with a time of 22:05. Villalobos was awarded 21st place while Gonzalez was awarded 22nd place.

Villalobos said, "I think I did what the coach wanted me to do and step it up. It was a hard course because of the sand and hills but somehow I was able to keep a positive mindset and keep going."

The final two runners that scored for the women's cross country team was Giselle Dominguez and Jessica Yuen, who crossed the finish line seconds apart. Dominguez came in 25th place with a time of 22:24, while Yuen finished in 26th place with a time of 22:26.

The team is coming off the heels of the Vanguard Invitational, where it had to sit out its top two runners, Daniel Herrera and Munar Kahsay.

Herrera spoke about how sitting out of the last meet helped his performance in the last meet.

"Everybody was feeling a little beat after the SoCal preview. Taking a week off helped me rest up."

The rest also proved to be helpful for Kahsay who placed second for the men.

Both teams enter a bye week during which time they will rest and prepare for the post season.

Following the bye week, the Falcons will host the South Coast Conference Championships on, Oct. 29 at 9:00 a.m. at Cerritos Park.

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Guastella serves the competition as a libero and a hair model

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Model, part-time worker, student, and volleyball player; Madison Guastella does it all.

At the age of 19 years old, Guastella does all these things while having to maintain at least a 2.0 GPA so that she can play as the libero for Cerritos College women's volleyball team.

When it comes to managing her busy schedule, Guastella said, "It's hard. I am constantly busy. I'm not home a lot, usually just at night which is hard because I have two little sisters; but it's kind of what I have to do so I can go to school."

Guastella said that if she wasn't working and modeling, she probably wouldn't be able to go to school since she is not on financial aid.

She said that she was discovered at the mall and was chosen to model for a hair salon fashion week at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

"They really liked my hair and how I dressed and so they wanted me to come in. So I came in that night to audition and they decided to use me for the main model and I was there from Friday to Sunday night. It was actually fun," she said.

Her next gig will be head shots for a friend's photography resume. However, she said that since modeling agencies prefer women 5'8" and taller, the 5'6" aspiring model is limited to what she can do as far as being a model.

Other than being a model, Guastella wants to study criminal justice to become a crime scene investigator.

If she had to choose between modeling and criminal jus-

tice, she said, "Modeling all the way. It's a lot of fun. People do your hair and makeup at the same time, you get to wear really fun clothes and you get cute heels and you get to walk around and the people are real nice."

Guastella started playing volleyball when she was a freshman at Lakewood High School.

"I like the sport. I watched a lot of beach volleyball and I liked messing around because in middle school it was more of jungle ball. So I kind of wanted to learn more of it, so I decided to try out and I made the team and I've played every position except for middle blocker because I'm not tall enough."

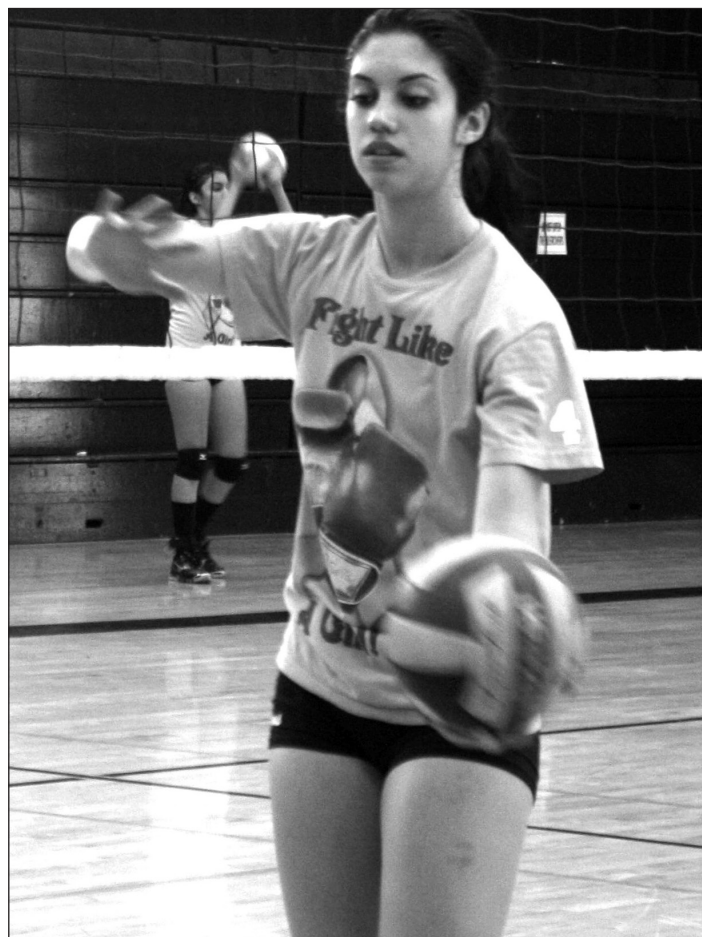
She started playing with the Cerritos College team as a senior in high school and said she liked the team and the coaching so she tried out and made the team.

As a player, Cerritos College head volleyball coach Teresa Velasquez-Ortega said, "She's getting better every time. Hopefully it works out because this is the first time she's played libero so she's learning this position little by little and now she's getting better."

"We count on her all the time in her serves because she has a tough serve so it's the key for passing."

Her first season at Cerritos, she served as a redshirt. This season, she has played all 46 games with 129 digs, five aces, four errors and one kill.

Freshman middle blocker Jessica Dorado said, "The position she plays includes hard work and she hardly gets to rest during the game. She plays non-stop, she loves the sport, and she's determined."



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Stunning: Libero Madison Guastella practices serving during a Falcons' practice at Excelsior High School. She is also a model.

Covarrubias leads his team to success

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Cerritos College men's soccer defender Alejandro Covarrubias is no stranger to success.

Over the years playing soccer at Bell High School, L.A. Galaxy Academy U-18 and U-20, U.S. National Team U-18 and U-20 and Cerritos College, he has achieved what one might call pure greatness.

While playing for these teams, he has gone on to receive countless amounts of accolades and achieve impeccable honors while being recruited heavily by many NCAA Div. 1 programs.

When he was at Bell High School, he played varsity soccer all four years and earned All-

League and All-City honors as a defender.

It was his junior year at Bell when colleges started taking notice of these achievements and recruited him seriously.

Colleges such as the University of Connecticut, University of North Carolina, Duke University, Loyola Marymount University, UCLA, San Diego State, Cal State Fullerton and Cal State Northridge all tried to get him to come play for them but one particular school out of the bunch received most of his attention: UCLA.

Road to glory

He decided his junior year that he wanted to become a Bruin, but due to his academic performance in high school, he was advised by recruiters to go to Cerritos College and earn his AA degree first then they would pick him up right after.

Covarrubias started playing soccer for Cerritos College in 2009.

He thrived in the Falcons soccer program earning First-Team All-South Coast Conference as a defender his freshman year and was named team captain his sophomore year.

He is the epitome of a hard working leader, according to Goalkeeper Danny Lizama.

He said, "He's one of the hardest working players here on the field; he's always working hard at practices and does a good job to support us."

Playing like a captain

His hard work has paid off as he has been the catalyst for Cerritos' defense which has record-

ed nine shutouts last season, and this year has posted six shutouts while holding each opponent to an average of only one point per game and is ranked No. 3 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of American Division III.

Covarrubias' success on defense comes from his favorite player whom he models his game after, Mexican National Team captain and defender Rafael Marquez.

"The way he plays is just very physical in the back and when he's on the ball, he is very technical," said Covarrubias.

Marquez plays a very similar, if not identical game to himself, according to Covarrubias.

The Cerritos captain will be playing for UCLA next season. One of the main reasons he has chosen to play for UCLA, he said, "All my friends that I've played with club, since I was younger all go there."

Looking to the future

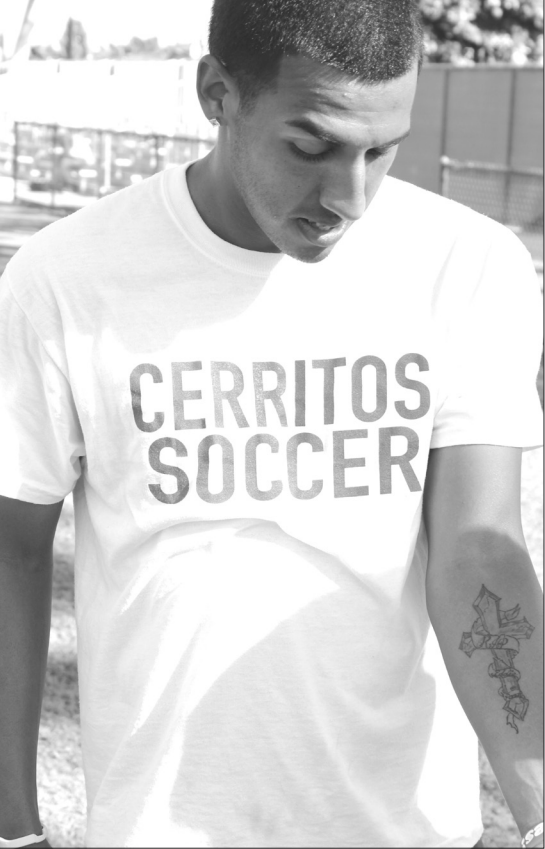
Another reason he has chosen UCLA, is that head coach Kenny Arena's father is Bruce Arena, who is the former U.S. National Men

soccer head coach and current L.A. Galaxy head coach.

Covarrubias said, "That's a connection to go pro."

Connections are in place for Covarrubias whom has made it clear that his goal is to play professional soccer either in the United States or Europe.

His dream team to play for would be Arsenal, which is based in the English Premier League.



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In loving memory: *Sophomore defender Alejandro Covarrubias shows off his tattoo in memory of two of his former teammates Eddie Valencia and Carlos "Ponch" Ornelas.*

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Captain: *Sophomore defender Alejandro Covarrubias practices juggling a ball. Covarrubias had scored two goals in 12 games this season.*



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Drip: *The Aquatic Center is located by Nancy Kelly field and the soccer field. For the past two years, the Aquatic Center has been home to the Cerritos College men's and women's water polo and swim teams.*

Two years later, Falcons continue to thrive from new aquatic center

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Cerritos College opened the doors to the aquatic center, after it was funded by G.O. Bonds, on Oct. 21, 2009.

The aquatic center is used by the water polo teams, swim teams, diving teams, and swimming classes for students.

Women's water polo Head Coach Sergio Macias said, "It works out great for our swim classes, our water polo season and our swim season. Everyone is happy."

"We're able to accommodate various levels of swimmers in our swim classes, in both the adaptive shallow pool, as well as the deep pool for our most experienced

swimmers."

The center consists of a 3,400 square-foot pool house building, along with a 115-by-75 feet competition pool, where the sporting events take place and a 45-by-75 foot adaptive pool.

Freshman attacker Sarah Aguayo feels that the new aquatic center gives the water polo team a good advantage for both home and away games this season.

"I like the new aquatic center here at Cerritos because it's bigger than the old pool and it's an advantage for us to train in our new pool because most of the other schools do not have a big pool so when we have a home game, the opponents will get tired right away while we still have endurance and energy by the last quarter," she said.

The women's water polo team has had a combined record of 69-2 since the aquatic center has opened, including the 18-2 record the team currently has this season.

The women's team has been in first place in the South Coast Conference for the past two seasons and was the 2009 South Coast Conference Tournament Champions.

The men's water polo team has a combined record of 48-30 since the Aquatic Center opened, including the team's current 14-8 record.

The team also has been a So-Cal Qualifier and came in second place in the South Coast Conference Tournament and second place South Coast Conference for the past two seasons. Tournament and second place South Coast Conference for the past two seasons.

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